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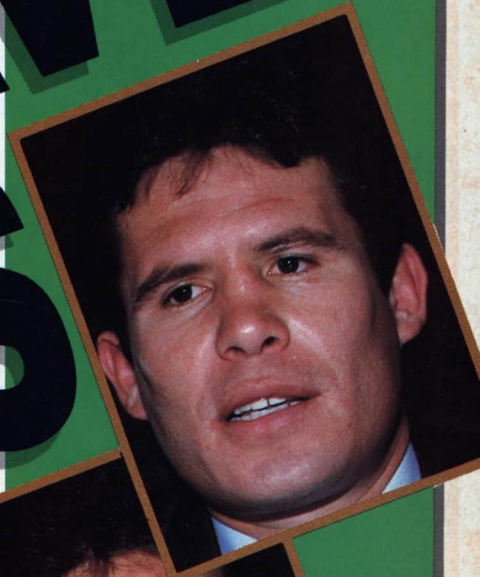

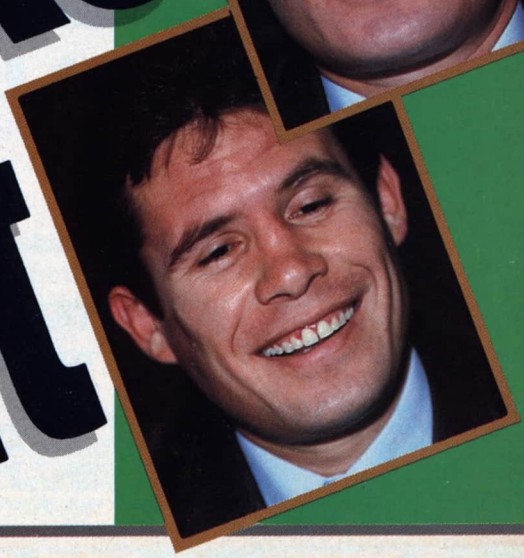

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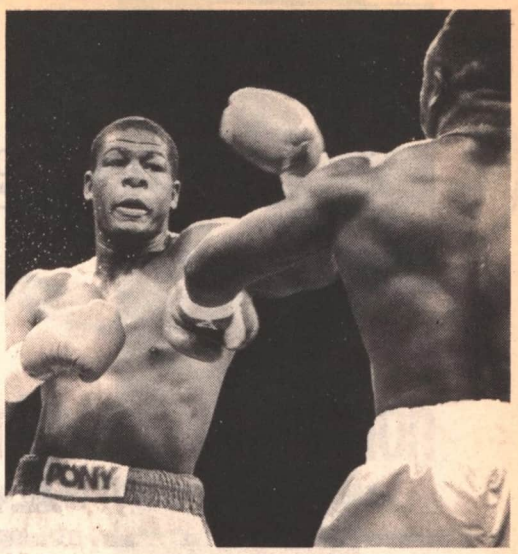

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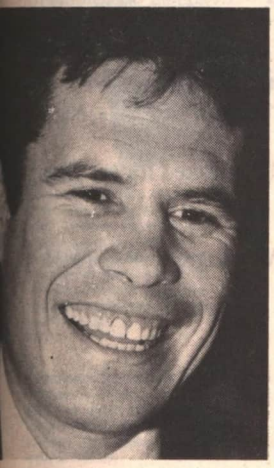

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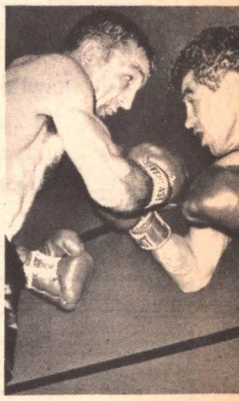

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Ringside

In rating the all-time heavyweight addresses, 55 Maple Avenue doesn't quite belong with 10 Downing Street or 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue. But on sleepy-eyed Mondays and deadline-crazed Fridays, those of us who work on *The Ring* and its sister publications, *KO, World Boxing,* and *Boxing 93,* have been coming to the beige five-story building that unassumingly sits across the street from the railroad tracks. For the past eight years, the fifth floor of 55 Maple has produced a lot of heated inter-office boxing debate, and, hopefully, a few good magazines, too.

This is the last issue of *The Ring* that was planned, researched, written, photographed, edited, captioned, typeset, proofread, packed, and shipped at 55 Maple. In late-April, London Publishing Company moved its base to Ambler, Pennsylvania. The bad news: In relocating, the boxing department lost four full-time staff members: Managing Editor Jeff Ryan, and Associate Editors Robert Cassidy, Joseph C. Tintle, and Ed Maloney. If you're an avid reader of *The Ring,* you've become familiar with their outstanding work. While they will no longer be associated with the magazine on a day-to-day basis, they'll continue to contribute as freelancers.

The good news: Rejoining *The Ring* is Nigel Collins, who served as editor-in-chief from 1985 to 1989. In 71 years, *The Ring* has had only six editors. Nigel was one of the better ones. Over the past four years, he has penned a book, *Boxing Babylon,* worked as a correspondent for *Boxing News,* and written the occasional feature for *The Ring*. I've known Nigel for almost 15 years, and his return is welcomed on both a personal and professional level.

Ultimately, the change in personnel will bring changes in *The Ring*. With the guidance of Publisher Stanley Weston and Associate Publisher Stu Saks, Nigel and I plan on making those changes for the better.

Goodbye, 55 Maple. If the walls had ears, they would've asked for ear plugs a long time ago.

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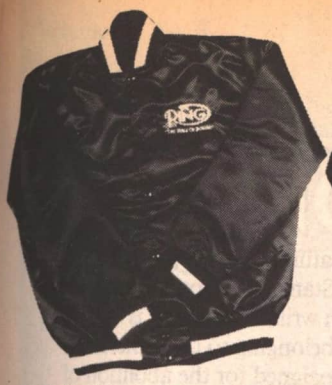

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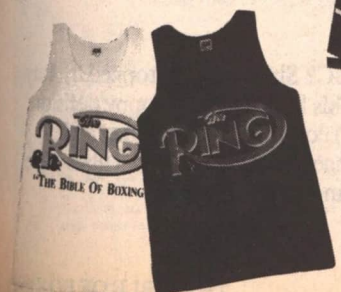

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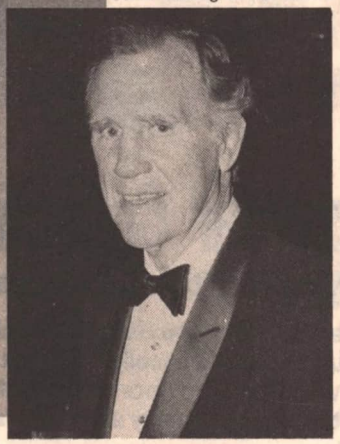

CONN JOB

I would like to see your "Time Capsules" feature enlarged (bigger pictures over four pages). But I was dismayed by Stanley Weston's comments on Billy Conn in your April 1993 issue. Weston writes that Conn is suffering from "pugilistic dementia." Is that a term belonging to the American Medical Association? The AMA has long campaigned for the abolition of boxing. Soon we could have "pugilistic heart disease" and "pugilistic stress." I suspect that doctors are placing the word before every illness. Keep in mind that until now, Conn's health has been fine, and he's been out of boxing for 40 years. (He is 75 years old.)

Why don't Jack Sharkey, who is 89, and Max Schmeling, who is 87, have "pugilistic dementia"? Perhaps that's next. Must ex-fighters all live to be 100 and always be happy and well?

I look back at the photograph of Conn in your August 1991 issue and see him smiling at the camera. Let's hope that he feels better soon.

JOHN ARTHUR
Surrey, England

BOWE & LEWIS

Riddick Bowe, do the boxing world a favor and relinquish your WBA and IBF titles before you trash them the way you did your WBC belt. You had signed to fight Lennox Lewis, and you pulled out almost immediately after defeating Evander Holyfield. Now you're ready to honor a contract to fight Jesse Ferguson. Your decisions and actions betray your true fighting spirit, which is to say you have none.

You had the nerve to criticize Holyfield for his choice of opponents, and look at your first two defenses. At least Holyfield fought men who had some sort of chance for victory. Despite being slow and easy to hit, George Foreman is still awesomely powerful. And Larry Holmes was at one time a great champion. In comparison, you have signed to fight a former junkie in Michael Dokes and now an aging journeyman in Ferguson.

Everyone I talk to keeps hoping for Mike Tyson's release from prison so that he can take the crowns from you. But I don't know if that will ever happen because you'll duck him even harder than you're ducking Lewis.

TERRY McCULLOUGH
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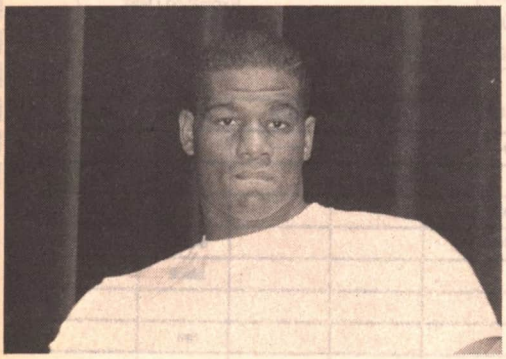
Bowe: Is he ducking Lewis?



Clearly, Riddick Bowe is frightened of Lennox Lewis. Last December he offered Lewis $3-million for a fight. Lennox refused, and the Bowe camp immediately began negotiating with other fighters, like Michael Dokes and Ray Mercer. A couple of weeks later, when Lewis reconsidered the offer and decided to accept, Bowe simply ignored him.

By throwing the WBC championship belt in the garbage can in front of the international media, Bowe insulted boxing fans and fellow fighters. In the past, the WBC belt was worn proudly by legendary champions like Muhammad Ali, Joe Frazier, and Larry Holmes. It's quite ironic that while Bowe does his lame impressions and tries so hard to emulate Ali, the fighter today who is most reminiscent of "The Greatest" is Lennox Lewis.

PETER R. CORY
Kingston, Ontario

TOP-10 PRETENDER

How is Francesco Damiani rated in the top 12 by the WBC? Since he was stopped by Ray Mercer in January 1991, he's fought only three times, with his biggest win a sloppy decision over Greg Page. Most of the boxing magazines (except you) continue to rate him as well. What has he done to keep such a high standing? Even Michael Dokes and Tony Tubbs have fought more often and beaten a better quality of fighter than Damiani.

KURT REMLINGER
Rockland, MA ■

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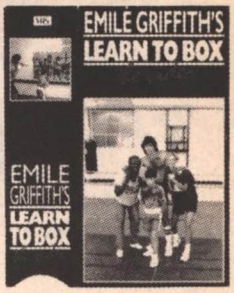

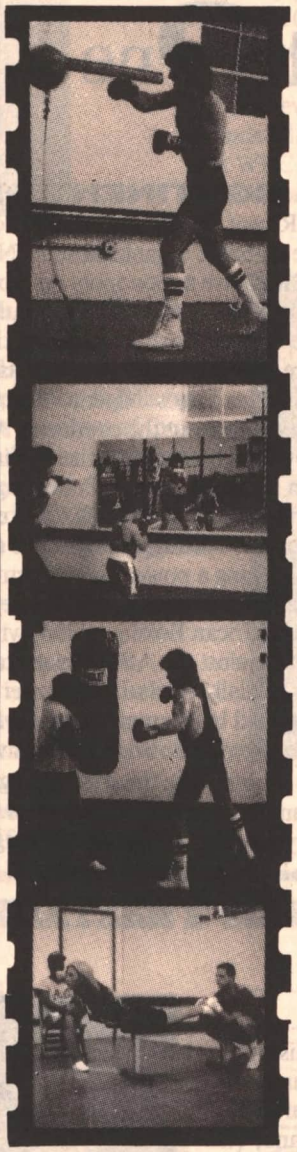

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A CONTINENT DIVIDED

Recent developments in Africa have made it clear that the alphabet organizations of North and South America do not have a monopoly on boxing politics.

In February, Ralph Ogunbunfunmi, the president of the African Boxing Confederation (ABC), and a former vice president of the WBC, was killed in a car accident in his native Lagos, Nigeria. The repercussions have been felt throughout the continent. As the head of the most powerful boxing organization in Africa, Ogunbunfunmi ran a one-man show. Following his death, a power struggle ensued that will likely continue for several months. The biggest losers, of course, will be the boxers.

Making a power play is former world featherweight champion Hogan "Kid" Bassey, who has formed the Pan-African Boxing Union, which, it seems, will compete against the ABC. Bassey, a respected church minister, initially tried to gain power within the ABC, but was opposed by Emmanuel Adeleye, Secretary-General of the Nigerian boxing board, as well as officers of the ABC.

"I don't like the confusion going on," said Nigerian bantamweight Victor Enyinka. "They should resolve everything for the good of boxing."

If it were only that easy.

—Larry Echiejile

Ralph Ogunbunfunmi

LADIES' NIGHT

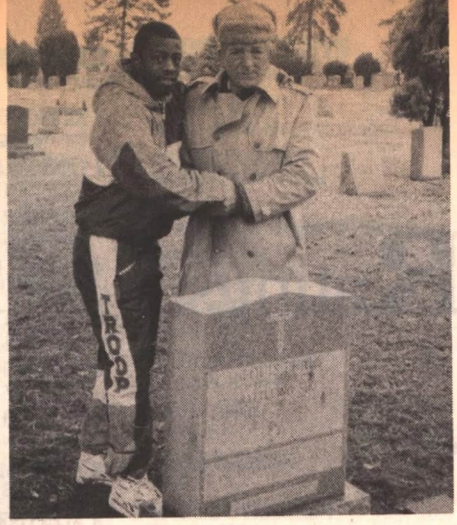
I am woman, hear me score! History was made on March 18, when four women judges, Melvina Lathan, Barbara Perez, Eva Shain, and Carol Castellano, worked a fight card at The Paramount. Not a male judge was to be found.

All four women are married to men involved in the fight game. Dr. Bill Lathan works for the New York State Athletic Commission; Tony Perez is a world championship referee; Frank Shain is a ring announcer; and Tony Castellano is a veteran judge.

Attempting to put the event in perspective was publicist Kathy Duva, who, after her fighter, junior middleweight Nick Rupa, lost the 10-round main event on points to Aaron Davis, complained to *Newsday*, "This just proves that women can be as blind as men."

—Steve Farhood

(From left) Melvina Lathan, Barbara Perez, Carol Castellano, & Eva Shain



At Siki's grave: Featherweight Kevin Kelley and referee Arthur Mercante

SIKI GOES HOME

In our March 1993 issue, we detailed the WBC's campaign to return the remains of former light heavyweight champion Battling Siki to his homeland of Senegal. Due to an order by the New York State Supreme Court, Siki's Flushing (New York) Cemetery grave was disinterred on March 5, and on April 10, more than 67 years after his death, he was sent to the Senegalese village of Guet-Ndar, where he was born.

"I believe in immortality, that people can leave an indelible mark on the world for others to see," said WBC President Jose Sulaiman. "Siki was one of those people."

PLANNING AHEAD

The IBF's motto is "An Idea Whose Time Is Here." That also applies to the organization's new pension plan.

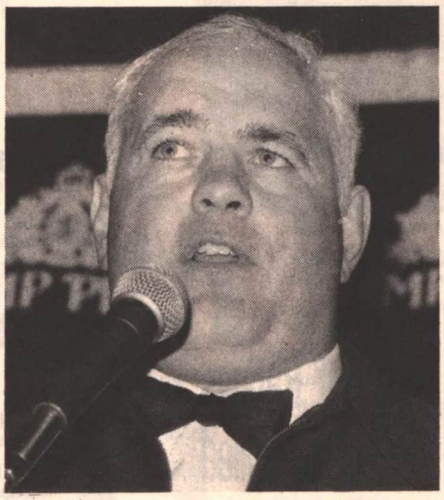
The plan was formulated by IBF President Bob Lee and Randy Neumann, a referee who works as a financial planner. It calls for champions and challengers, as well as associate members of the IBF, to pay contributions from their purses and make investment decisions regarding those contributions. The required contribution will be two percent of purses, not to exceed $30,000 annually.

Neumann said the money will be invested in several funds managed by top professionals.

"There will be little risk," he said. "We have chosen managers who have consistently beaten the averages."

A fighter will not be allowed to touch his money until he reaches age 35 and has been active for at least five years, or until he reaches his 40th birthday. The fighter can then take the money in one lump sum, have it distributed as a monthly annuity, or let the earnings continue to compound.

Said Lee: "There is life after boxing, and the sooner our champions and other fighters realize it, the better off our industry will be."



Randy Neumann

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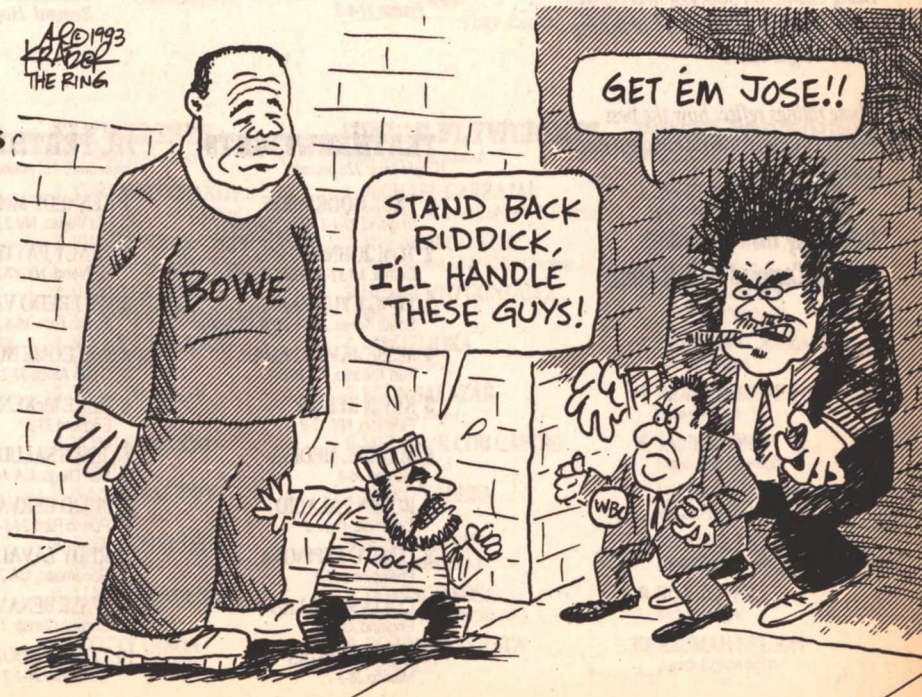

OUTSIDE THE ROPES

Former welterweight contender **Floyd Mayweather**, 40, was indicted in an alleged Chicago-to-Grand Rapids, Michigan, cocaine conspiracy. Mayweather, the older brother of former two-division world champion **Roger Mayweather**, has been accused to supplying street-level dealers with cocaine smuggled in boxes of laundry detergent. ■

The Ring Ratings

For Period Ended
April 15, 1993

How Our Ratings Are Compiled

In each division, fighters are ranked according to their abilities and accomplishments.

Being champion does not necessarily mean a fighter will be rated at the top of his weight class.

These ratings reflect how the best fighters in the world rate against one another.

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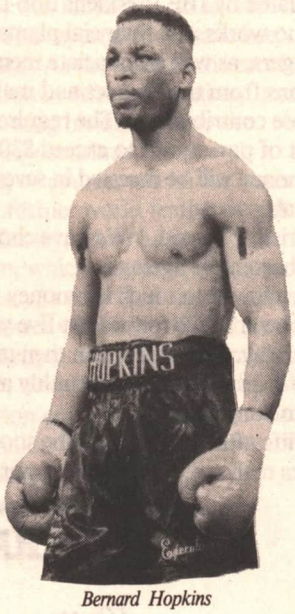
2 LENNOX LEWIS
England *22-0 (WBC Champ)*
3 EVANDER HOLYFIELD
Atlanta, GA *28-1*
4 MICHAEL MOORER
Detroit, MI *31-0*
5 TONY TUCKER
Beverly Hills, CA *48-1*
6 GEORGE FOREMAN
Marshall, TX *72-3*
7 RAZOR RUDDOCK
Canada *27-4-1*
8 TOMMY MORRISON
Merriam, KS *35-1*
9 ALEX GARCIA
San Fernando, CA *32-1*
10 TONY TUBBS
Redondo Beach, CA *33-4*

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Weight limit: 160 pounds

1 JULIAN JACKSON
Virgin Islands *46-1 (WBC Champ)*
2 REGGIE JOHNSON
Houston, TX *33-2-1 (WBA Champ)*
3 ROY JONES
Pensacola, FL *21-0*
4 SUMBU KALAMBAY
Italy *55-5-1*
5 GERALD McCLELLAN
Detroit, MI *27-2*
6 BERNARD HOPKINS
Philadelphia, PA *22-1*
7 THOMAS TATE
Houston, TX *27-2*
8 LAMAR PARKS
Greeneville, SC *24-1*
9 OTIS GRANT
Canada *18-0*
10 FREDERIC SEILLIER
France *31-4-2*



Bernard Hopkins

JR. MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Weight limit: 154 pounds

1 TERRY NORRIS
Mission Valley, CA *34-3 (WBC Champ)*
2 JULIO CESAR VASQUEZ
Argentina *42-1 (WBA Champ)*
3 GIANFRANCO ROSI
Italy *57-3 (IBF Champ)*
4 VINNY PAZIENZA
Cranston, RI *33-5*
5 JOHN DAVID JACKSON
Seattle, WA *28-0*
6 VERNO PHILLIPS
New York, NY *18-5*
7 GILBERT DELE
France *33-3-1*
8 CARL DANIELS
St. Louis, MO *30-1*
9 AARON DAVIS
Bronx, NY *36-1*
10 LAURENT BOUDOUANI
France *22-1*

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Weight limit: 126 pounds

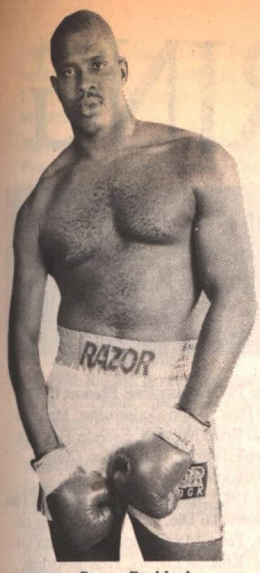
1 PAUL HODKINSON
England *22-1-1 (WBC Champ)*
2 TOM JOHNSON
Detroit, MI *31-2-1 (IBF Champ)*
3 YUNG KYUN PARK
South Korea *24-1-1 (WBA Champ)*
4 JESSE JAMES LEIJA
San Antonio, TX *26-0-1*
5 KEVIN KELLEY
Flushing, NY *33-0*
6 MANUEL MEDINA
Mexico *46-4*
7 RUBEN PALACIO
Colombia *45-11-2*
8 LUISITO ESPINOSA
Philippines *31-6*
9 COLIN McMILLAN
England *23-2*
10 GOYO VARGAS
Mexico *28-3-1*

JR. FEATHERWEIGHTS
Weight limit: 122 pounds

1 KENNEDY McKINNEY
Las Vegas, NV *22-0-1 (IBF Champ)*
2 TRACY PATTERSON
Highland, NY *47-2-1 (WBC Champ)*
3 WILFREDO VASQUEZ
Puerto Rico *36-6-3 (WBA Champ)*
4 WELCOME NCITA
South Africa *31-1*
5 DUKE McKENZIE
England *33-3*
6 JESUS SALUD
San Diego, CA *44-5*
7 JULIO GERVACIO
Puerto Rico *24-3-2*
8 RUDY ZAVALA
Rosemead, CA *21-1-2*
9 JESSE BENAVIDES
Corpus Christi, TX *35-3-1*
10 LUIS MENDOZA
Colombia *34-4-2*

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Weight limit: 118 pounds

1 ORLANDO CANIZALES
Laredo, TX *34-1-1 (IBF Champ)*
2 JUNIOR JONES
Brooklyn, NY *28-0*
3 ELIECER JULIO
Colombia *22-0 (WBA Champ)*
4 JUNG IL BYUN
South Korea *9-0 (WBC Champ)*
5 VICTOR RABANALES
Mexico *33-11-2*
6 JOICHIRO TATSUYOSHI
Japan *8-1-1*
7 EDDIE COOK
Las Vegas, NV *18-2*
8 ISRAEL CONTRERAS
Venezuela *35-3-1*
9 HAROLD MESTRE
Colombia *16-2*
10 RAFAEL DEL VALLE
Puerto Rico *14-0*



Razor Ruddock

CRUISERWEIGHTS
Weight limit: 195 pounds

1 **BOBBY CZYZ**
Montgomery, NJ *40-5 (WBA Champ)*

2 **ANACLET WAMBA**
France *38-2 (WBC Champ)*

3 **AL COLE**
Spring Valley, NY *22-1 (IBF Champ)*

4 **ORLIN NORRIS**
Campo, CA *35-3*

5 **NATE MILLER**
Philadelphia, PA *21-3*

6 **ARTHUR WILLIAMS**
Las Vegas, NV *18-1-1*

7 **AKIM TAFER**
France *16-3*

8 **JAMES WARRING**
Miami, FL *14-2*

9 **MARCELO FIGUEROA**
Argentina *30-3*

10 **ROBERT DANIELS**
Miami, FL *22-2-1*

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Weight limit: 175 pounds

1 **VIRGIL HILL**
Bismarck, ND *35-1 (WBA Champ)*

2 **HENRY MASKE**
Germany *20-0 (IBF Champ)*

3 **JEFF HARDING**
Australia *23-1 (WBC Champ)*

4 **PRINCE CHARLES WILLIAMS**
Mansfield, OH *33-5-2*

5 **LEEONZER BARBER**
Detroit, MI *17-1*

6 **FRANK TATE**
Houston, TX *32-3*

7 **IRAN BARKLEY**
Bronx, NY *30-8*

8 **TIM HILLIE**
Washington, D.C. *15-0*

9 **EGERTON MARCUS**
Canada *10-0*

10 **MIKE McCALLUM**
Brooklyn, NY *44-2-1*

SUPER MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Weight Limit: 168 pounds

1 **JAMES TONEY**
Ann Arbor, MI *36-1-2 (IBF Champ)*

2 **MICHAEL NUNN**
Davenport, IA *40-1 (WBA Champ)*

3 **CHRIS EUBANK**
England *35-0*

4 **NIGEL BENN**
England *33-2 (WBC Champ)*

5 **TIM LITTLES**
Flint, MI *21-0*

6 **VICTOR CORDOBA**
N. Ireland *18-5-2*

7 **DARRIN VAN HORN**
Lexington, KY *53-3*

8 **TONY THORNTON**
Glassboro, NJ *31-5-1*

9 **FRANK LILES**
N. Hollywood, CA *23-1*

10 **ANTOINE BYRD**
Los Angeles *23-4-1*

WELTERWEIGHTS
Weight limit: 147 pounds

1 **PERNELL WHITAKER**
Norfolk, VA *32-1 (WBC Champ)*

2 **CRISANTO ESPANA**
N. Ireland *28-0 (WBA Champ)*

3 **BUDDY McGIRT**
Hauppauge, NY *58-3-1*

4 **MAURICE BLOCKER**
Germantown, MD *34-3 (IBF Champ)*

5 **YORI BOY CAMPAS**
Mexico *46-0*

6 **STEPHAN JOHNSON**
Brooklyn, NY *22-4-1*

7 **DAVID GONZALEZ**
Houston, TX *32-2-1*

8 **GENARO LEON**
Mexico *41-3-2*

9 **LARRY BARNES**
Mount Vernon, NY *27-1*

10 **FELIX TRINIDAD**
Puerto Rico *18-0*

JR. WELTERWEIGHTS
Weight limit: 140 pounds

1 **JULIO CESAR CHAVEZ**
Mexico *85-0 (WBC Champ)*

2 **JUAN COGGI**
Argentina *60-2-2 (WBA Champ)*

3 **TERRENCE ALLI**
Linden, NJ *52-7-2*

4 **CHARLES MURRAY**
Newark, NJ *28-1*

5 **RAFAEL PINEDA**
Colombia *28-2*

6 **CARLOS GONZALEZ**
Mexico *36-0*

7 **HECTOR LOPEZ**
Tarzana, CA *25-1*

8 **KOSTYA TSZYU**
Australia *7-0*

9 **FRANKIE RANDALL**
Morristown, TN *46-2-1*

10 **VINCENT PHILLIPS**
Las Vegas, NV *27-0*

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Weight limit: 135 pounds

1 **MIGUEL ANGEL GONZALEZ**
Mexico *27-0 (WBC Champ)*

2 **FREDDIE PENDLETON**
Miami, FL *33-17-4 (IBF Champ)*

3 **TONY LOPEZ**
Sacramento, CA *42-3-1 (WBA Champ)*

4 **RAFAEL RUELAS**
Arleta, CA *36-1*

5 **TRACY SPANN**
Plainfield, NJ *27-2-1*

6 **JOEY GAMACHE**
Lewiston, ME *29-1*

7 **SHARMBA MITCHELL**
Takoma Park, MD *28-0*

8 **JEAN-BAPTISTE MENDY**
France *43-4-2*

9 **LEAVANDER JOHNSON**
Atlantic City, NJ *17-0-1*

10 **MIGUEL JULIO**
Colombia *23-1-1*

Tony Lopez

JR. LIGHTWEIGHTS
Weight limit: 130 pounds

1 **AZUMAH NELSON**
Ghana *36-2-1 (WBC Champ)*

2 **GENARO HERNANDEZ**
Los Angeles, CA *27-0 (WBA Champ)*

3 **JOHN-JOHN MOLINA**
Puerto Rico *28-3 (IBF Champ)*

4 **JEFF FENECH**
Australia *26-1-1*

5 **BERNARD TAYLOR**
Knoxville, TN *44-2-2*

6 **GABE RUELAS**
Arleta, CA *33-2*

7 **CALVIN GROVE**
Philadelphia, PA *42-5*

8 **REGILIO TUUR**
Whitestone, NY *32-2-1*

9 **RENATO CORNETT**
Australia *23-1-1*

10 **VICTOR HUGO PAZ**
Argentina *33-1-1*

Julio Borboa

JR. BANTAMWEIGHTS
Weight limit: 115 pounds

1 **SUNG KIL MOON**
South Korea *19-1 (WBC Champ)*

2 **KATSUYA ONIZUKA**
Japan *20-0 (WBA Champ)*

3 **JULIO BORBOA**
Mexico *18-4 (IBF Champ)*

4 **THALERNGSAK MAHASARAKAM**
Thailand *41-3*

5 **ROBERT QUIROGA**
San Antonio, TX *20-1*

6 **JOHNNY BREDAHL**
Denmark *18-0*

7 **MARCO ANTONIO BARRERA**
Mexico *23-0*

8 **VINCENZO BELCASTRO**
Italy *23-5-3*

9 **NANA KONADU**
Ghana *25-2-1*

10 **JOEL LUNA ZARATE**
Mexico *21-0*

FLYWEIGHTS
Weight limit: 112 pounds

1 **YURI ARBACHAKOV**
Japan *15-0 (WBC Champ)*

2 **PHICHIT SITHBANGPRACHAN**
Thailand *14-0 (IBF Champ)*

3 **DAVID GRIMAN**
Venezuela *15-1 (WBA Champ)*

4 **RODOLFO BLANCO**
Colombia *26-7-1*

5 **DAVE McAULEY**
Ireland *18-3-2*

6 **YONG KANG KIM**
South Korea *25-4*

7 **ISAIAS ZAMUDIO**
Blythe, CA *32-3-1*

8 **JOSE LUIS ZEPEDA**
Mexico *23-11-2*

9 **ALBERTO JIMENEZ**
Mexico *22-2-1*

10 **SCOTTY OLSON**
Las Vegas, NV *23-1*

JUNIOR FLYWEIGHTS
Weight limit: 108 pounds

1 **MICHAEL CARBAJAL**
Phoenix, AZ *27-0 (IBF/WBC Champ)*

2 **MYUNG WOO YUH**
South Korea *37-1 (WBA Champ)*

3 **HUMBERTO GONZALEZ**
Mexico *35-2*

4 **HIROKI IOKA**
Japan *22-3-1*

5 **LEON SALAZAR**
Panama *15-3-1*

6 **MELCHOR COB CASTRO**
Mexico *34-4-3*

7 **SHIRO YAHIRO**
Japan *16-0-1*

8 **JOSE DeJESUS**
Puerto Rico *26-2-1*

9 **DOMINGO SOSA**
Dominican Republic *18-1*

10 **ROBINSON CUESTA**
Panama *23-1*

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Junior Welterweight

2 **PERNELL WHITAKER**
Welterweight

3 **TERRY NORRIS**
Junior Middleweight

4 **ORLANDO CANIZALES**
Bantamweight

5 **RIDDICK BOWE**
Heavyweight

6 **JAMES TONEY**
Super Middleweight

7 **MICHAEL CARBAJAL**
Junior Flyweight

8 **SUNG KIL MOON**
Junior Bantamweight

9 **ROY JONES**
Middleweight

10 **AZUMAH NELSON**
Junior Lightweight

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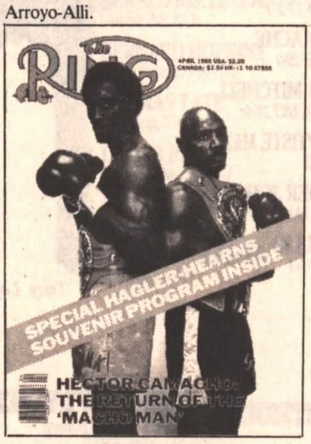

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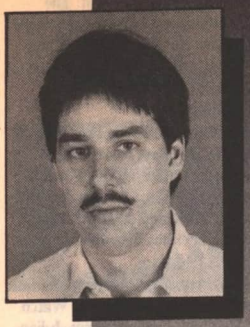


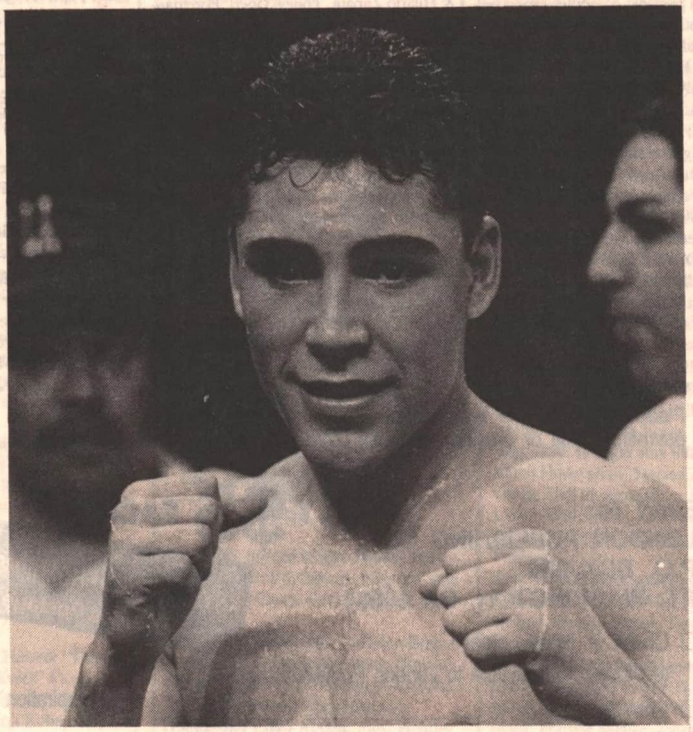
Ryan Out Loud

By Jeff Ryan

A TEASPOON OF THIS, A PINCH OF THAT . . .

It's not that kids from the East Los Angeles barrio don't have options, or even options for getting filthy rich. It's just that those options most often involve something filthy, like weapons or white powder. Oscar De La Hoya could have easily been illuminated by a flaming storefront in L.A. last year, and not a flaming torch in Barcelona. He could have reached for his gold in the smashed display case of a jewelry store while a police siren wailed in the distance. Instead, he reached for it atop the medal platform while "The Star-Spangled Banner" played over the p.a. system.

De La Hoya found options in places where kids like him rarely do. Now, as the most promising prospect in the professional fight game, his catalog of options is so thick, it could be bound and released in hardcover. Why him? One reason is his natural talent. Another is his hard work. But I sense that there is more to it than that. I sense that attitude is what is eventually going to make him the superstar that, say, Mark Breland failed to be.



Is the sizzling Oscar De La Hoya destined to be boxing's next superstar? That will be largely determined by the course charted by his management.

It is hard not to like this 20-year-old a lot, and that has nothing to do with a) the smile, b) the punching power, c) the story of his gold medal promise to his dying mother, or, d) the fact that his appearance on a float at the Hollywood Christmas Parade meant that we were spared yet another cast member of some insipid Fox Network show waving mechanically while the crowd on the sidewalk wondered who the hell he or she was.

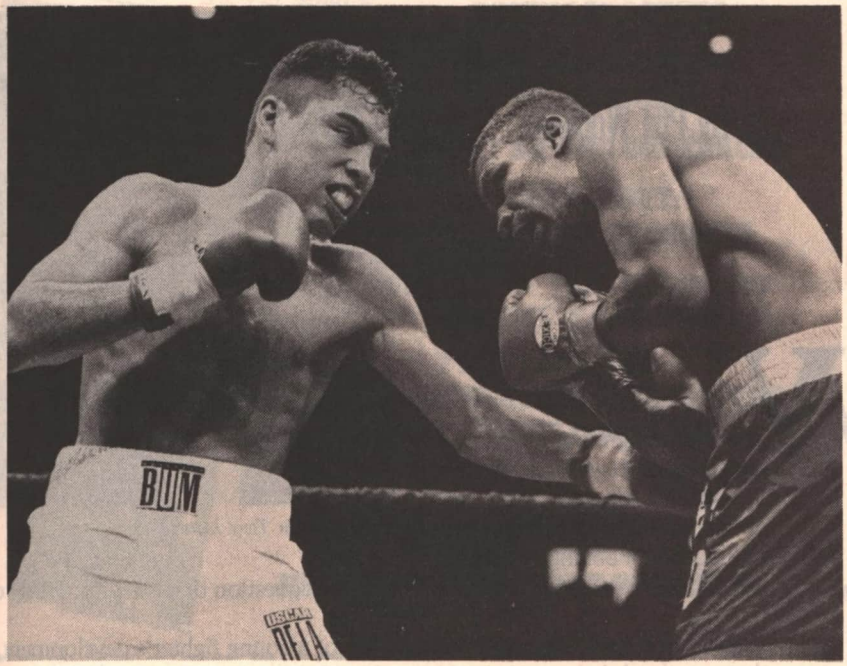
De La Hoya is likeable because he and his handlers seem to be using the desire to be a superstar not as a final destination, but as the fuel needed to make the trip. They are tough and sassy, cocky and self-assured, but they are not taking anything for granted, least of all a public that is a lot smarter than most fight managers ever give it credit for being.

When Breland won Olympic gold in 1984, his brain(?)trust viewed superstardom as a given, and every move was calculated so as not to blow things. The Breland Bunch didn't force its agenda on the welterweight division, it reacted to what everyone else did. If Breland were a Corvette, his people would have been afraid to take him to a car wash for fear that he'd be scratched with a harsh brush or have his antenna bent. Never did it dawn on them that if they didn't take the chance and let him get wet, there was no way that Corvette was ever going to gleam.

Early indications are that De La Hoya and his managers, Steve Nelson and Bob Mittleman, are risk-takers. Or, perhaps, they just believe that the fighter is *that* good, and that there is nothing to fear by taking an—oh, my God!—aggressive approach to building a career.

De La Hoya has been handled as though he is Lennox Lewis, not Lenox china. In his fifth pro fight, he met—and kayoed—respected 10-round veteran Jeff Mayweather. He has averaged a bout a month. He may fight for a world title before November 23, his *first* anniversary of turning pro. If De La Hoya isn't toasting himself with champagne after his first title bout is over, it will only be because he still won't be old enough to drink.

Too many cooks spoil the soup, the saying goes, but the truth is that even one cook can spoil it if he doesn't follow the recipe. At some point, the recipe for superstardom calls for taking risks and beating the best fighters at your weight—sometimes even the best fighters at all the weights in close proximity. Too many managers follow the recipe perfectly until they get to that one ingredient that scares them: meeting the challenge of outstanding opponents.



De La Hoya attacks vs. Chicago's Curtis Strong. When he's ready for a try at the world title, will he challenge the best fighter available?

Never did like the way that stuff tastes. We'll just leave it out. Nobody will be able to tell the difference.

Uh huh. And when they serve the kid's career to the customers, what happens? Yep, they send it back to the kitchen with the complaint that something about the flavor just isn't right.

Maybe Mike Tyson became a megastar only because he was a heavyweight, was intimidating, and was a constant threat to end a fight in 90 seconds. Maybe Sugar Ray Leonard brought $10-million purses to the welterweight class because he had charisma, a great nickname, and an hour on *ABC's Wide World Of Sports* whenever he asked for one. But I think it had a lot, a hell of a lot, to do with the caliber of people Tyson and Leonard beat.

Tyson never ducked anyone, unifying the fractured heavyweight crown in a nine-month span against Trevor Berbick, a tough fighter with a good chin, Bonecrusher Smith, a deadly puncher, and Tony Tucker, an unbeaten boxer-puncher with a big edge in height and reach. In *his* very first title shot, Leonard challenged Wilfred Benitez, who was then one of the five best fighters in the entire sport. And in one 15-month span, Sugar Ray met Roberto Duran (twice), Ayub Kalule, and Thomas Hearns, and saw a scheduled clash with assassin Pipino Cuevas fall through.

Others have tried to reel in the mainstream and ended up with nothing but seaweed on their hook. Pernell Whitaker has fought almost everyone, but his personality could put Dick Vitale to sleep. Hector Camacho carried around more electricity than the third subway rail, but reached a point in his career when it became clear that safety, not challenges, was his priority. Meldrick Taylor may have missed having it all by two seconds.

De La Hoya is faced with numerous options. Because making 130 pounds is no problem, his camp has indicated that he could seek his first title shot at either lightweight or junior lightweight. That gives him six possible thrones to target. Here's my advice (and I don't even get a percentage of the earnings): Shoot at the best.

Challenge Azumah Nelson, an all-time great (but one who is now beatable), at 130 pounds, or Tony Lopez, a two-division champion with name recognition and 46 bouts worth of experience, at 135. Beating one of them doesn't turn a De La Hoya into a Leonard, but it's a start. Most importantly, the toughest start possible.

If these things run in cycles, and America just isn't ready to embrace a boxer—*any* boxer—the way it embraces Michael Jordan or Troy Aikman right now, so be it. But if, in the absence of Leonard, Hagler, and Hearns, the public *is* ready for another English-speaking hero in the lighter weight classes, the candidates are going to have to display as much courage when there is a pen and contract in their hand as they do when those mitts are balled up into a fist.

The gut feeling here is that De La Hoya and Company know how to read a recipe, and won't be fond of skimping on the ingredients.

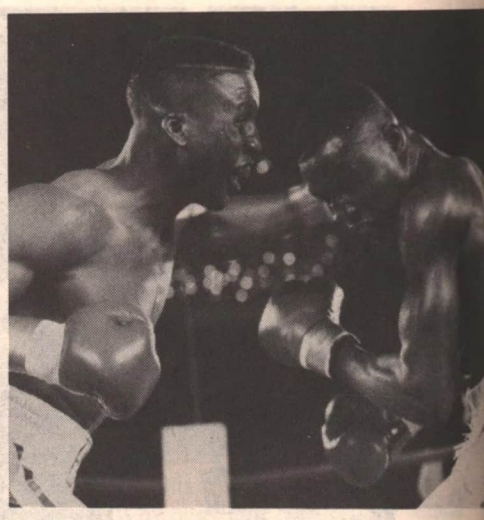
Soup's on. ■

New Faces

Emmett Linton

Welterweight

By Phil Woolever



Linton guns for Tony Marshall

When veteran fight observers discuss the ability of 21-year-old Emmett "Laser" Linton, they're almost unanimous in praising his ring technique and boxing skills. Linton's style is just about perfect. The only real question that remains: How tough is he?

As Linton enters the most critical stage of a young fighter's development, that question is being answered in positive fashion. The Top Rank-promoted prospect has drawn tough assignments from matchmakers coast to coast. His reward for passing each test has been an even harder fight the next time.

"He's one of our hottest attractions," says publicist Lee Samuels. "He's being treated like a future champion, but he's going to have to keep earning it."

Linton, a 5'11" southpaw, had a 295-16 record as an amateur. He was a Junior Olympics champion in 1985 and '86, and a U.S. national titlist in 1990. His hometown is Tacoma, Washington, but he's relocated to Ft. Worth, Texas, headquarters of his manager, former two-division world champion Donald Curry, and his trainer, Paul Reyes, who also trained Curry.

Linton is a slippery boxer who glides into the enemy behind solid jabs or lead lefts. He consistently follows up with a variety of shots that might not always do damage, but have allowed him to pile up points in mostly lopsided victories.

Being connected to a first-rate organization like Top Rank has definite advantages. But there is also considerable pressure. Many of Linton's early battles were on ESPN, and while a few of the bouts were simply educational four-rounders, soon he had to earn his TV time. As a result, the opponents got tougher and tougher.

Linton has demonstrated versatility and the crucial ability to adjust. When outclassed opponents were in a survival mode, he did not get reckless. In early bouts against other crude newcomers like Mohamed Benchikh or Charles Young, he boxed circles around his confused foes. And when the time came to step up to a more rugged challenge, Linton handled the experienced Fernando Rodriguez, who had battled on even terms with many hot prospects. Linton was well-prepared for Rodriguez' brand of trench warfare; he dug in at close range and came close to pitching an eight-round shutout.

That's not to imply that Linton has *too much* patience. Three of his knockouts have come in the opening frame. One was a televised affair against Frank Newton, who was knocked silly in a dramatic splattering that made many highlight films. Another came against seasoned but reluctant Julio Montenegro, who looked like he was ready to dive during the instructions. Linton immedi-

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PRO RECORD

1991

Feb. 24	Ernesto Tobias, Las Vegas	W 4
March 17	Mohamed Benchikh, Las Vegas	W 4
April 12	Richard Terrazas, San Antonio	KO 3
May 23	Frank Newton, Las Vegas	KO 3
June 27	Bruce Pearson, Las Vegas	KO 1
Aug. 29	Charles Young, Reno	W 6
Oct. 25	Javier Sanchez, Las Vegas	KO 4
Dec. 26	Ismail Tillis, Las Vegas	KO 1

1992

Feb. 16	Glenn Hudson, Las Vegas	W 6
April 18	Fernando Rodriguez, Las Vegas	W 8
July 16	Kimara Davis, Atlantic City	KO 2
Aug. 13	Julio Montenegro, Phoenix	KO 1
Oct. 7	Jeff Johnson, Augusta, GA	W 8
Dec. 10	Julio Flores, Atlantic City	W 8

1993

Feb. 28	Tony Marshall, Atlantic City	W 8

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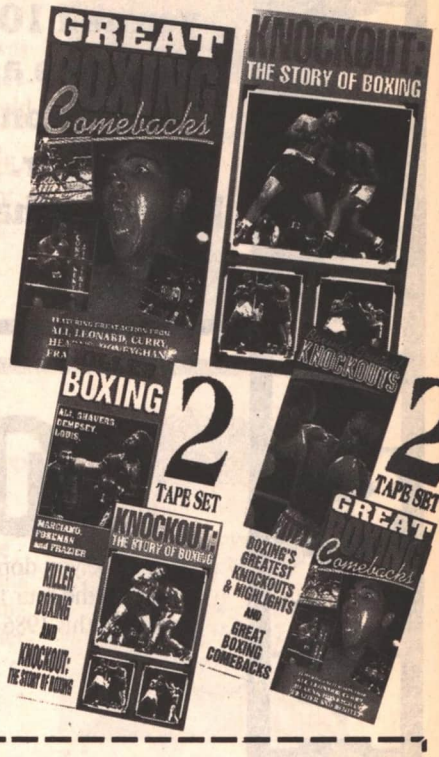

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We hope you don't need any hints to identify the four former world champions in this 1986 photo.

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Nineteen-year-old Floyd Patterson was 13-0 when he took on this former world champion in June 1954. Eight rounds later, he was 13-1.

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Our obligatory Muhammad Ali photo: "The Greatest" spent his 1971 Christmas in Zurich, where he stopped this opponent in the seventh round.

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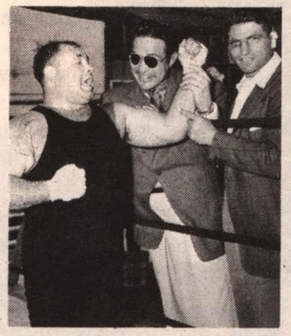
If these heavyweights had combined their skills, they might've been able to defeat world champion Joe Louis. (Gotta love those shades on the former champ in the middle. Clearly way ahead of his time.)



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This Mexican southpaw was an overachiever and a world champion who helped move his division into the spotlight. Hint: In the early-'80s, he possessed the best chin in boxing.

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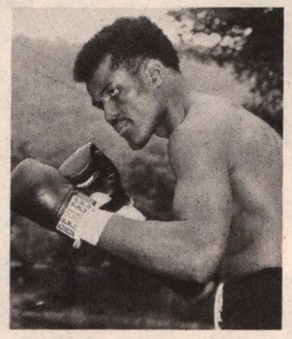
When this heavyweight challenged Floyd Patterson for the world heavyweight title, he was seeking revenge for a close points defeat 13 months earlier. It didn't come; he was stopped in 10 rounds.



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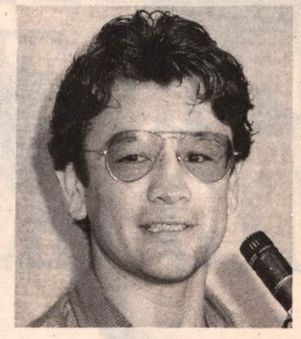
In February 1987, this popular California bantamweight came within a couple of points of taking the WBA bantamweight title from Bernardo Pinango. No, it's not Albert Davila.



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Fitting that these two former champions should pose in front of dozens of bottles of booze. The welterweight on the left was a liquor distributor, and his buddy, a heavyweight, owned and ran his own New York City restaurant. (The photo was taken in December 1967.)

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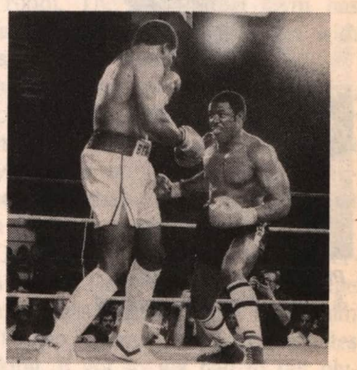
Who says little guys can't beat up big guys? In May 1983, this world cruiserweight champion (facing the camera) moved up and outpointed heavyweight contender Trevor Berbick.



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Lots of boxing fans never heard of him, but this Venezuelan featherweight champion was considered among the best fighters, pound for pound, in the game. He lost the crown in March 1991, and hasn't been heard from since.

ANSWERS:

1) Sandy Saddler, Emile Griffith, Jose Torres, & Jake LaMotta;
2) Joey Maxim; 3) Jurgen Blin;
4) Tony Galento, Max Baer, & Lou Nova;
5) Bazooka Limon; 6) Tommy "Hurricane" Jackson;
7) Frankie Duarte; 8) Billy Graham & Jack Dempsey;
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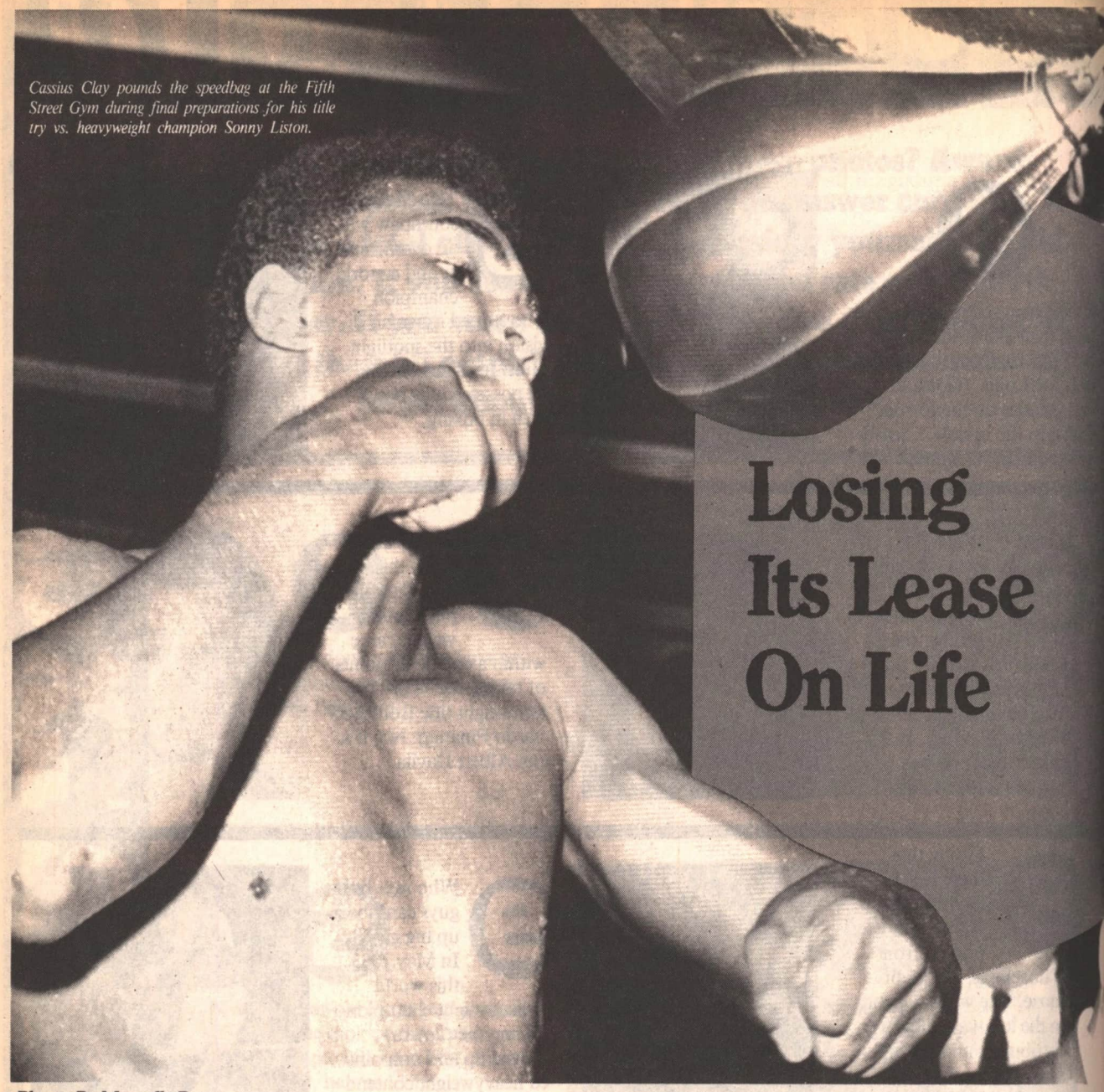


Cassius Clay pounds the speedbag at the Fifth Street Gym during final preparations for his title try vs. heavyweight champion Sonny Liston.

Losing Its Lease On Life

Photos By Manuella Roa & United Press International

By Mark Jacobs

The elderly man leans on his cane not far from the spot on the mildewed wall where a mural portrays him in another life, striving against Henry Armstrong. Outside, along Fifth Street, the sounds of traffic suggest that people are in a hurry to get to the nearby beach. But inside the darkened, empty gymnasium, the elderly man has begun to conjur a litany of names from the past.

Willie Pep, Ray Robinson, Ray Leonard.

"The people screamed for me when I knocked out Tippy Larkin."

Archie Moore, Joey Maxim, Alexis Arguello.

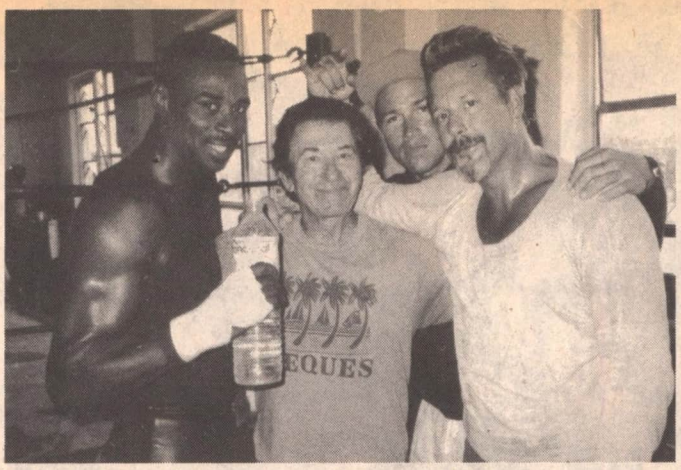
"I won't say Fritzie Zivic was a dirty fighter, but you had to watch yourself when you fought him or you'd wind up with your throat cut."

Jake LaMotta, Aaron Pryor, Ali.

"Kid Gavilan showed me his bolo punch and I showed him mine."

He occasionally puts down his cane to punctuate the memories with a flurry of uppercuts not unlike those he used 50 years ago, when he was a two-time lightweight champion of the world.

"People still come from all over saying they've heard of me. When they see me they ask, 'Who is this skinny guy?' They think I'm bigger. But it makes me feel good, like I must have done something right."



Among the recent gym regulars are cruiserweight contender Uriah Grant (far left) and actor-fighter Mickey Rourke (far right).

THE CLOSING OF THE FIFTH STREET GYM

The photos of all the old fighters have been packed in boxes and most of the equipment put in storage as he presides over the final dismantling of the place. But for the time being, the mural still remains. The name on the wall opposite Armstrong's is Beau Jack.

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For some time now Sidney "Beau Jack" Walker has been Miami Beach's Fifth Street Gym. Whatever fame and publicity it garnered in recent years was due in large part to a sense of nostalgia and fond memories for its manager and trainer in residence.

The tourists who drifted over from trendy South Beach to visit the musty and dilapidated second-floor walkup in an otherwise abandoned building usually did so to meet the old fighter. The only other attraction of note in the past couple of years was when actor Mickey Rourke would come in to tune up for his forays into the world of professional leather-pushing.

It was not always this way. The Fifth Street Gym was once a mecca for boxing's elite and those who wanted to be near them.

Jose Torres, Ernie Terrell, Carmen Basilio.

"I trained at Stillman's in New York, where Barney Ross and Jack Dempsey had trained," says Beau Jack, "and you couldn't beat it. This was the same. All the greats came here."

Luis Rodriguez, Jimmy Ellis, Ali.

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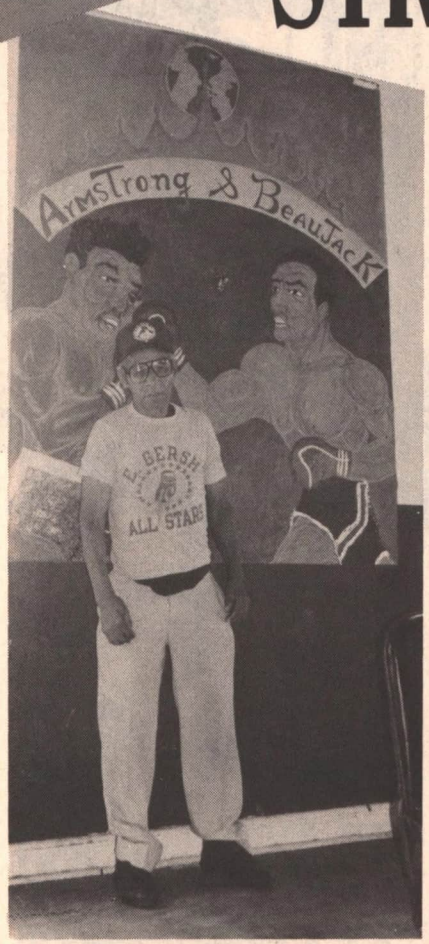
Angelo Dundee walks among the brand new heavybags, kibitzing with friends as he keeps a watchful eye on the handful of young fighters working out around him. Dundee stopped training fighters out of the Fifth Street Gym more than 10 years ago. For the past year he has been headquartered at the posh Presidential Fitness Club.

Located in Hollywood, Florida, the Presidential sits about 40 miles in distance and a million light years in atmosphere from the Fifth Street Gym. Its bright blue and red walls are freshly painted, and the leather training tables look as if they just came from the showroom. In contrast, the walls at the Miami Beach gym are crusty, and the training tables are the ones Dundee used to condition fighters 25 years ago.

Health club patrons are not allowed into the boxing area but may watch from the newly upholstered leather and chrome stools of the bar in an adjoining room. The Fifth Street Gym has rows of red theater seats, most with tears in them, along ringside.



Former champion Beau Jack is proud of the mural that is among the gym's most distinguishing features.

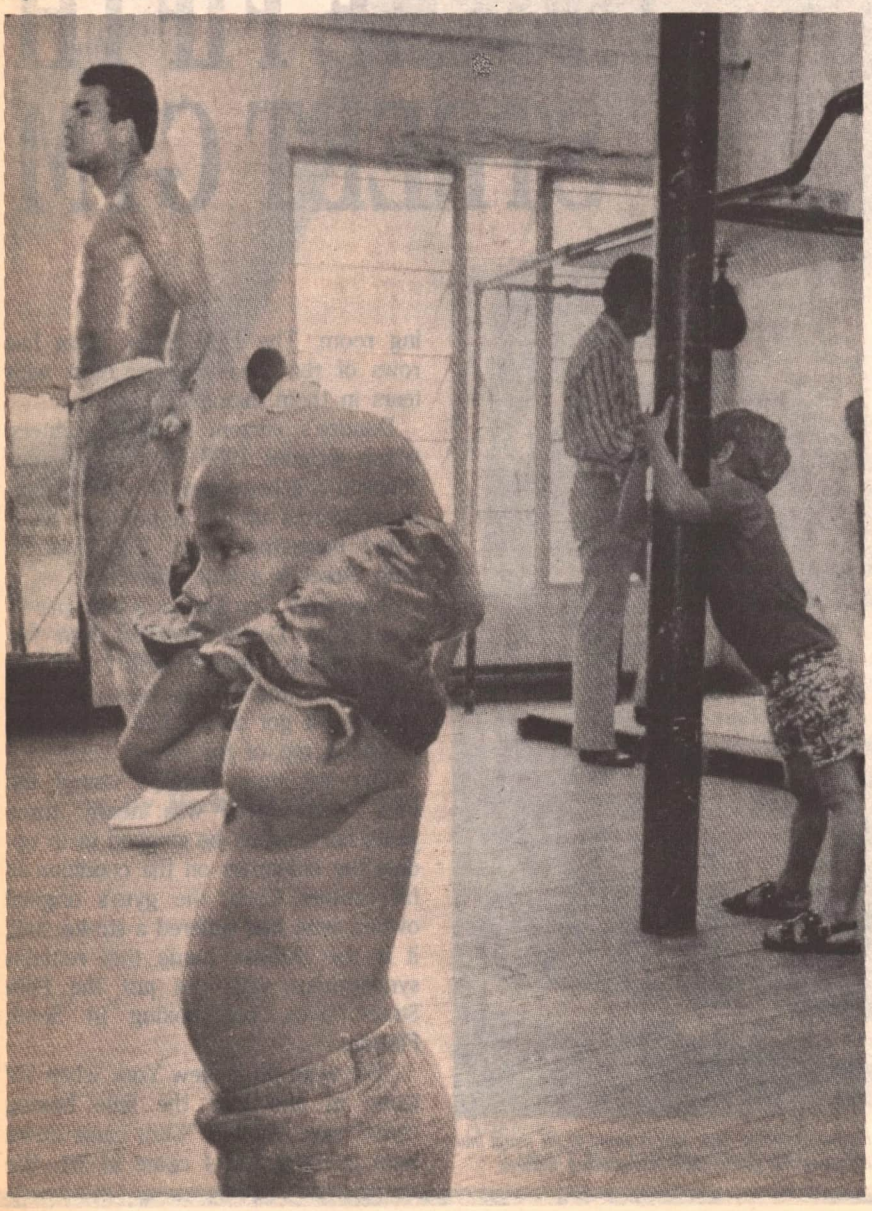
Dundee's current crop of fighters, which includes 1988 Olympian Arthur Johnson and heavyweight hopeful John Bray, warms up on a polished hardwood basketball court. The floor at Fifth Street is a little different.

"One time Doc Green, a newspaperman from Detroit, walked into the gym," recalls Dundee, "and I told him don't step there, we have termites working. It got so we had to put plywood on top of the floor."

The last time Dundee visited the Fifth Street Gym was nearly three years back, when he stopped in to update the old-timers on the condition of his brother Chris, the gym's original owner, who had suffered a stroke. Still, it is the Dundee name that remains synonymous with not just the Fifth Street Gym, but boxing in South Florida.

"We were up in New York when TV came in and hurt the little boxing clubs," says Dundee. "Chris came down here in 1950 and I came in '51. We

Only days before the closing of the gym, Beau Jack sits among the books, boxes, and memorabilia (above). During brighter and busier times, Muhammad Ali trains alongside a future champion in 1973 (below).



had to come down and hustle because we couldn't do it in New York any more."

Chris Dundee was a boxing promoter of the classic mold who would tirelessly sell a fight. He'd yell at a friend for being out of town on business the day of a match or order a sick acquaintance out of the hospital to see one of his bouts.

Not long after arriving in Miami he was promoting fights every other week at the Miami Beach Auditorium.

"We used to go to Jerry White's Magic City Gym across the river," says Angelo. "But we needed our own gym. We found a place—it used to be a Chinese restaurant—that was perfect. It was right near the arena. We called it Dundee's Fifth Street Gym. It was a wonderful setup."

For a variety of reasons, Dundee's Fifth Street Gym soon became one of the world's thriving centers of boxing talent. The Dundees had one of the most consistent series of club promotions in the country at a time when the number of small shows was diminishing. It became natural for visiting fighters to train at Fifth Street.

Another factor was "the snowbirds." Northern fighters, rather than dealing with training in the cold during the winter, would come down to Miami, where they could run along the beach. Finally, its proximity to Latin America made Miami a debarkation point for Hispanic fighters, particularly the waves of great Cuban boxers who came along in the 1950s and '60s.

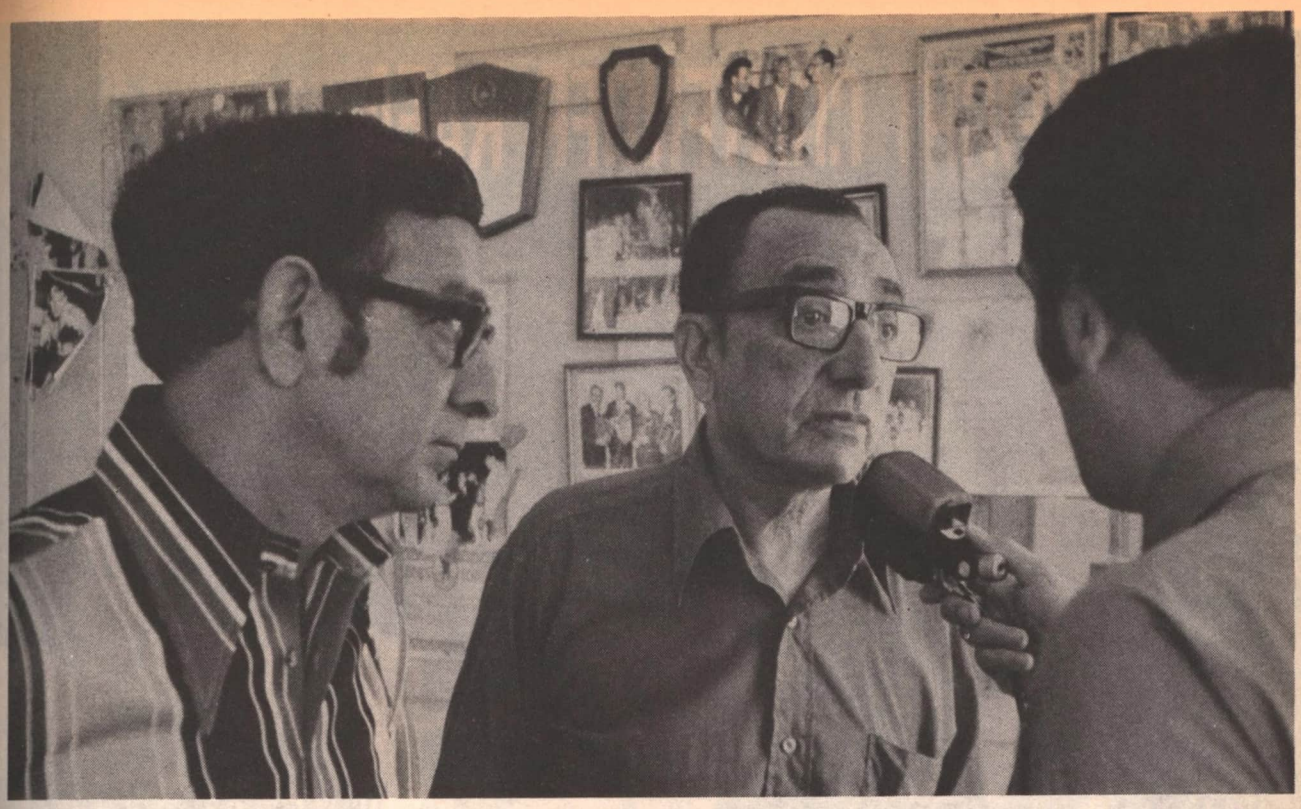
"Fight Doctor" Ferdie Pacheco recalls a time when welterweight champion Luis Rodriguez and hard-punching middleweight Florentino Fernandez were both training at Fifth Street.

"All of Cuba would have paid to see those two fight, and they were going at it every week in the gym for free," says Pacheco, a friend of the Dundees who began his association with boxing in 1959 by hanging around the gym.

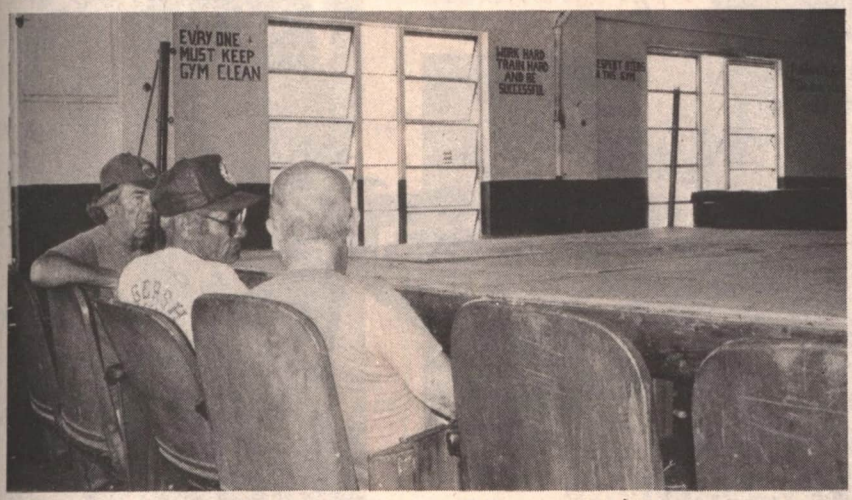
"It was a university," he says. "All the glamour names were here. Great teachers and fighters of every level. I'd watch Willie Pastrano and get a lesson in ballet. His feet would barely touch the canvas."

Willie Pastrano, Joe Brown, Dick Tiger.

On the opposite end of the artistic scale from Pastrano was the hulking Sonny Liston, who often fought on Chris Dundee cards and trained at the gym before winning the heavyweight title.



Above: Brothers Angelo and Chris Dundee, pictured in 1971, ran the gym during its heyday. Below: Jack sits ringside with gym regulars Max Goodman (left) and Sonny Sansone (right). Only trouble is, there's no ring.



"He was a mean-looking guy," says Dundee. "One day Liston was jumping rope in the gym and Pastrano was standing around bothering me, so I said, 'Willie, you keep bothering me and I'll put you in the ring with that guy.' He screamed, 'No! No!' and stopped."

Then there was the time middleweights Vinnie Curto and Vernon McIntosh decided to continue a heated sparring session in the locker room. Ring historian Hank Kaplan, another long-time Fifth Street Gym enthusiast, remembers rushing to the scene.

"They were hitting each other with benches and chairs," he recalls. "Vinnie had a short fuse, and the other guy was a tough kid, too."

On one occasion, however, Curto, a middleweight contender in the '70s, was not quite tough enough for Roberto Duran.

"Duran was lightweight champion, and he knocked Curto out along the ropes and had him hanging," says Dundee. "I checked his gloves later and saw all the padding had run to the bottom. I said, 'Roberto, we'll give you some new gloves if you need them.' "

The gym wars are not the same at the Presidential Fitness Club. Sparring partners have to be brought in from other locales, especially for Bray, who knows a bit of the old gym's legacy.

"I worked out there once about a year and a half back," he says. "I remember thinking I'm in a boxing monument. It's something I can tell my grandchildren about. I trained where all those great fighters trained. Liston, Duran, Ali."

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If one name is inextricably linked with the lore of the Fifth Street Gym it is Muhammad Ali. With Angelo Dundee hired to train him following the 1960 Olympics, the then-Cassius Clay came to Miami to begin a professional career the likes of which no one could predict.

"He came in raw," says Pacheco. "He wasn't a polished performer yet, but you could tell he was something."

Kaplan remembers: "When Clay first came to the gym, everyone was anxious to get a look. All the old-time trainers came to see, filling the place up with cigar smoke."

Both Pacheco and Kaplan say Ali took some of his style from welterweight champion Rodriguez.

"They were very friendly," says Kaplan. "Rodriguez was enamored with Clay's personality but thought he was goofy. He'd yell out 'boca grande,' the big mouth, and they'd have this running repartee."

Clay fought five times on Chris Dundee promotions, culminating with his legendary first win over Sonny Liston in Miami Beach. The victory came in part because Angelo Dundee had spent years studying Liston's style while "The Bear" was training at the Fifth Street

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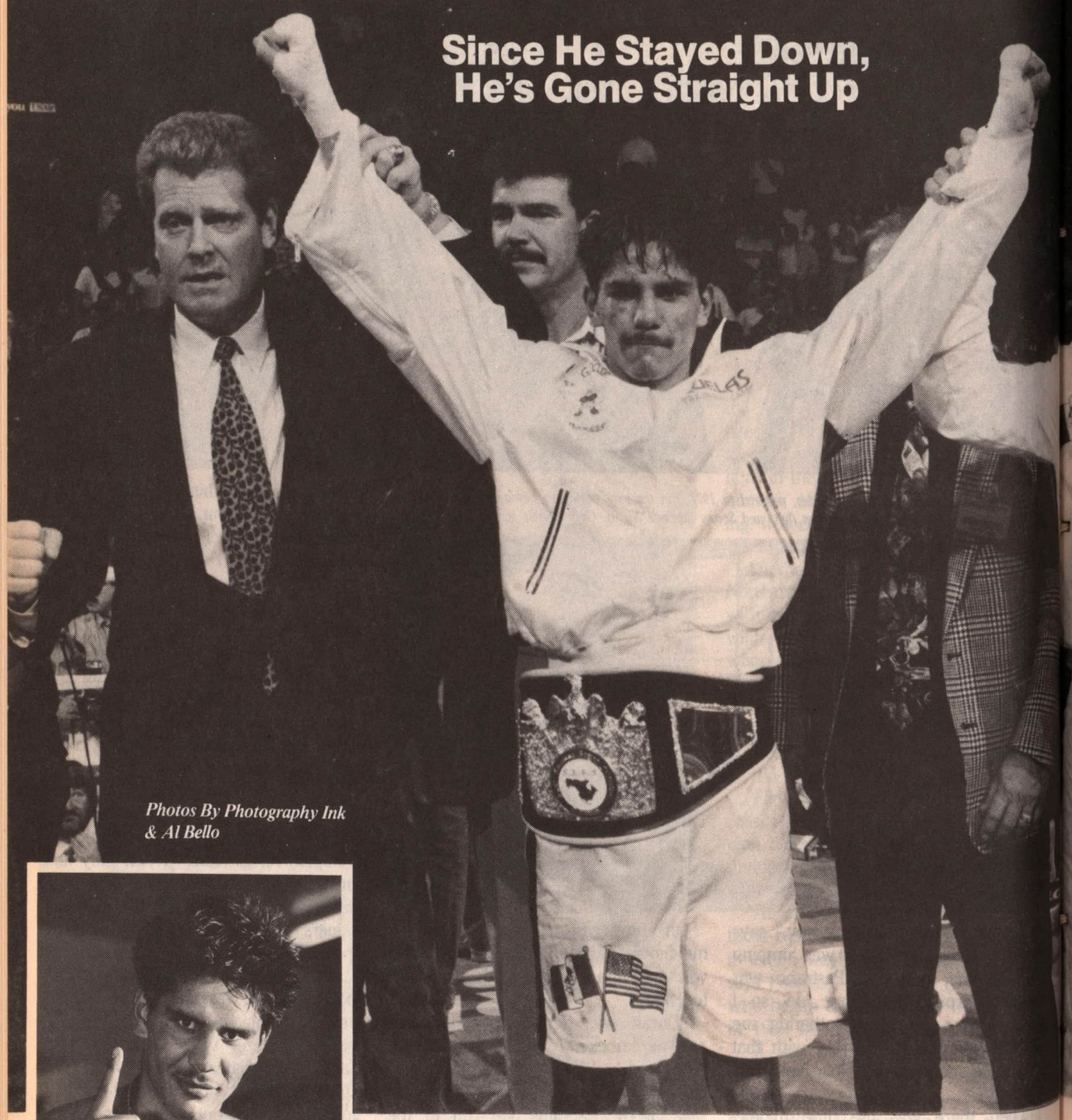
LIGHTWEIGHT CONTENDER RAFAEL RUELAS

Since He Stayed Down, He's Gone Straight Up



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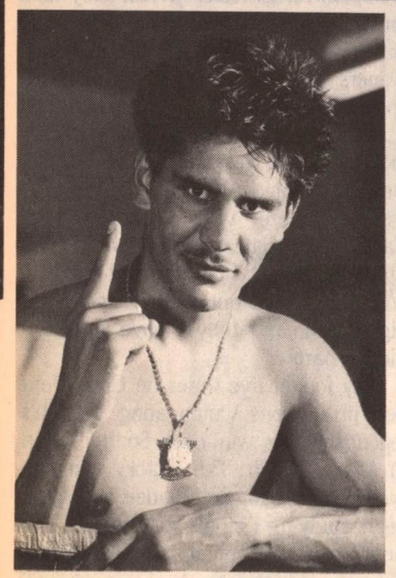
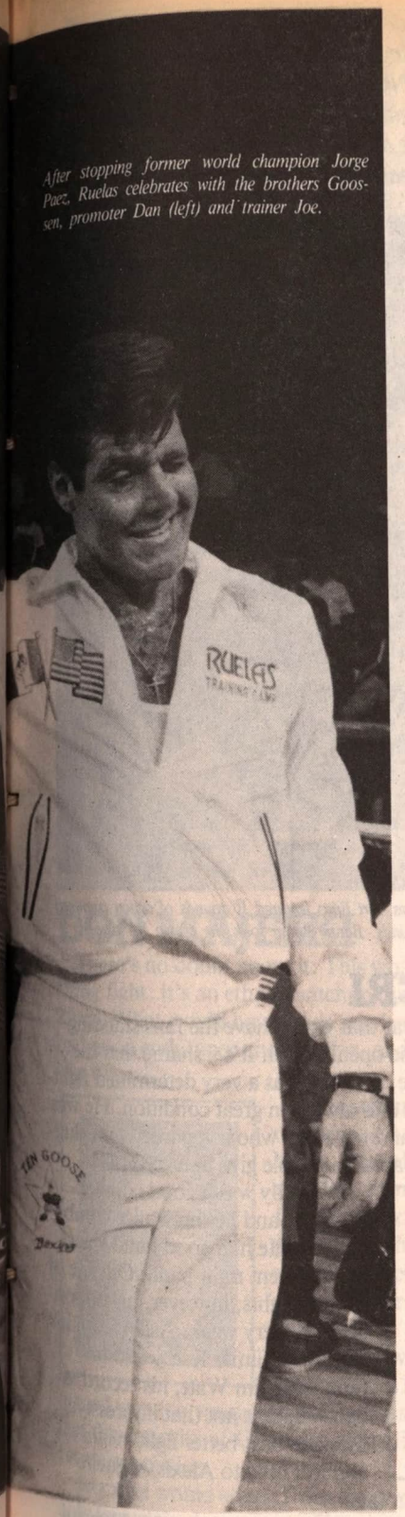
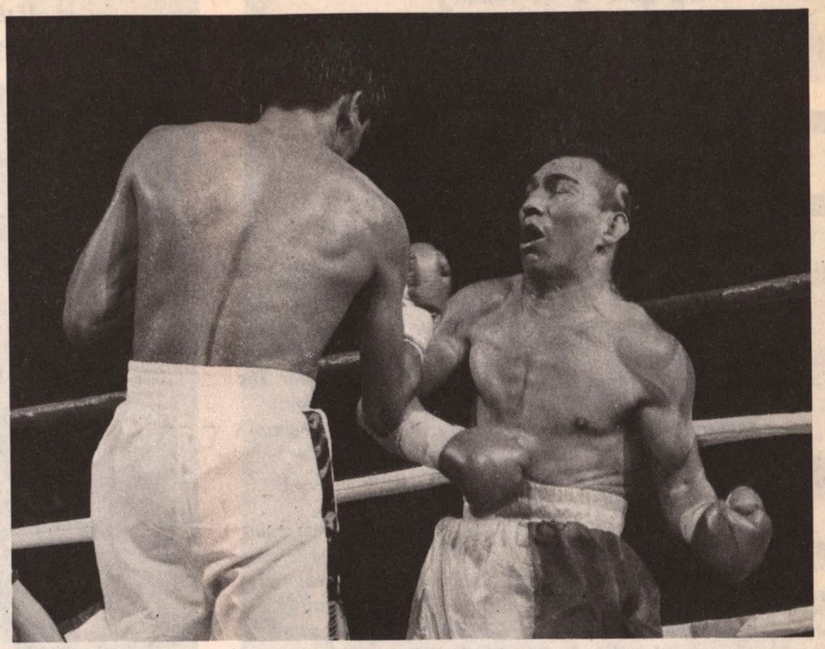
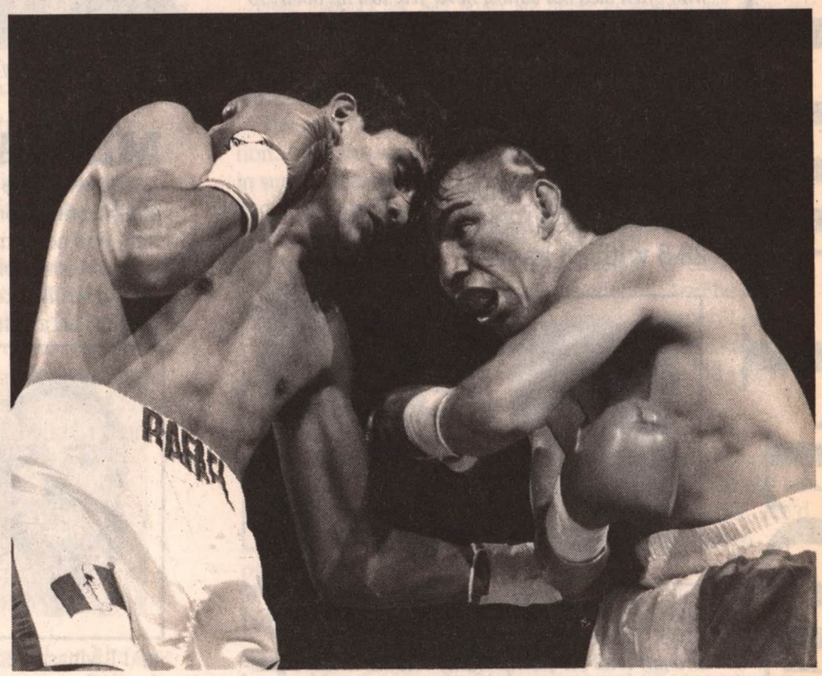




After stopping former world champion Jorge Paez, Ruelas celebrates with the brothers Goossen, promoter Dan (left) and trainer Joe.



Ruelas scored the biggest win of his career by punishing Paez with right hands (above) and left uppercuts (below). Ironically, Paez has beaten Ruelas to a world title shot; he'll face IBF champion Freddie Pendleton in July.



By Phil Berger

It's a familiar tale: Poor Mexicans heading north to seek a better life. Rafael Ruelas Jr. of Yerbabuena, Jalisco, Mexico, one of 13 Ruelas children, was eight years old when he was shipped off to Sun Valley, California. It was the start of an unlikely odyssey that has brought him to the brink of boxing glory.

Ruelas, 22, is the number one-rated lightweight of the IBF and the WBC, and with knockout victories over former world champions Stevie Cruz and Jorge Paez, has earned a slugger's reputation ... practically in spite of himself. Face it: At 5'11", and with a schoolboy's mug, Ruelas, even with his record of 36-1 (29), hardly appears to be the heavy-handed type.

But, as his manager, Dan Goossen, says of the lean fighter, "He's the type that comes in throwing punches. His best defense is his offense. It's very exciting for the fans, and somewhat dangerous for the fighter. Because the more punches he throws, the more he leaves himself open. On the other hand, it's hard for the other fighter to cope with."

What eight-year-old Rafael Ruelas had to cope with in 1979, when he and his brother Gabriel went to live in Sun Valley with their sister Victoria, was a lifestyle far removed from primitive Yerbabuena.

"The little place we come from ... the streets were dirty," recalled Rafael. "There were no cars, no restaurants, and just barely electricity. A few TVs. No phones. It was like the Old West. You know, horses, donkeys, cows, bulls, and you live off what you grow. In Sun Valley, there were so many cars. The restaurants were open all day. There were stores all over."

While their parents, Rafael Sr., a farmer, and his wife, Maria Concepcion, remained behind in Yerbabuena,

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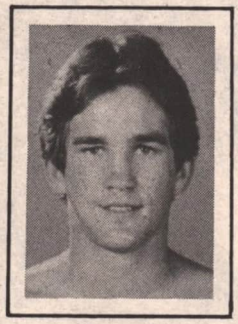
BATTLE OF THE LEGENDS

LIGHTWEIGHTS

Sean O'Grady

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
Career: 1975-1983
81-5 with 70 kayos

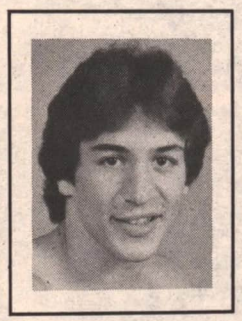


O'Grady was only 24 when he retired. But the popular slugger, who turned pro at bantamweight and eventually moved up to junior welter, crammed 86 bouts into his nine-year career. He turned pro at age 15 and fought an incredible 26 times in his first year. His first loss came vs. Danny Lopez (KO by 4) in February 1976. He bounced back to win 42 consecutive bouts and secure a November 1980 try at WBC 135-pound champion Jim Watt.

O'Grady seemed on the verge of victory when a butt opened a cut that led to a 12th-round stoppage defeat. Only five months later, "Bubblegum Sean" rebounded to capture the WBA lightweight title in a gutty 15-round points win over Hilmer Kenty. He was subsequently stripped of the title for failing to defend against Claude Noel. Soon after, the sturdy veteran, who often bled but almost never fell, lost his ability to take a punch. He retired after a March 1983 loss to John Verderosa. Thus far, at least, he has resisted the temptation to make a comeback.

Ray Mancini

Youngstown, Ohio
Career: 1979-1985; 1989; 1992
29-5 with 23 kayos



Mancini's story captured the imagination of the American public. The son of Lenny Mancini, who was denied a try at the lightweight title because of an injury suffered while serving in World War II, "Boom Boom" turned pro in October 1979, won his first 20 bouts, and earned an October 1981 shot at legendary WBC lightweight champion Alexis Arguello. A 5'6½" hooker with an unyielding spirit, he fought strongly until the championship rounds, when Arguello took control. Boom Boom fell in the 14th, but, like O'Grady, secured a second try at the world title soon after.

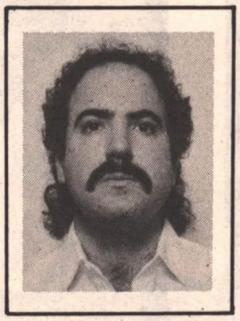
In May 1982, Mancini survived a nasty gash over his left eye and took Art Frias' WBA 135-pound crown via spectacular first-round kayo. He made four successful defenses, including a fatal knockout of Duk Koo Kim, before being dethroned by Livingstone Bramble (KO by 14). After narrowly losing the return bout, Mancini retired at age 23 and pursued a career in acting. A pair of one-fight comebacks resulted in losses to Hector Camacho (L 12) and Greg Haugen (KO by 7).

Fight fans will forever debate the merits of champions who never met in the ring. In "Battle Of The Legends," the editors of THE RING play matchmaker and pit two of the all-time greats against each other. Three experts serve as judges. If there are particular dream matches that you'd like to see featured, please write to us.

Mancini's title-winning effort vs. Art Frias featured 10 rounds of action crammed into two minutes and 54 seconds. Boom Boom took the crown by kayo.

MIKE ACRI

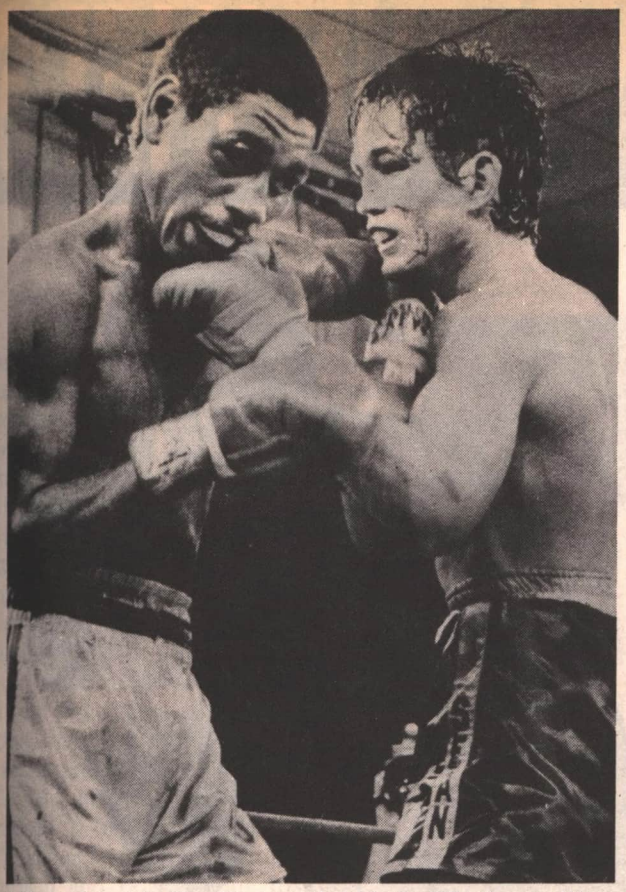
This would be a war that would have the fans standing and cheering from the opening bell. It's a shame that the fight was never made. Mancini was a very determined fighter. He was tenacious and always in great condition. He was a good left hooker, and for a guy who is regarded as a slugger, he had a better jab than people give him credit for.



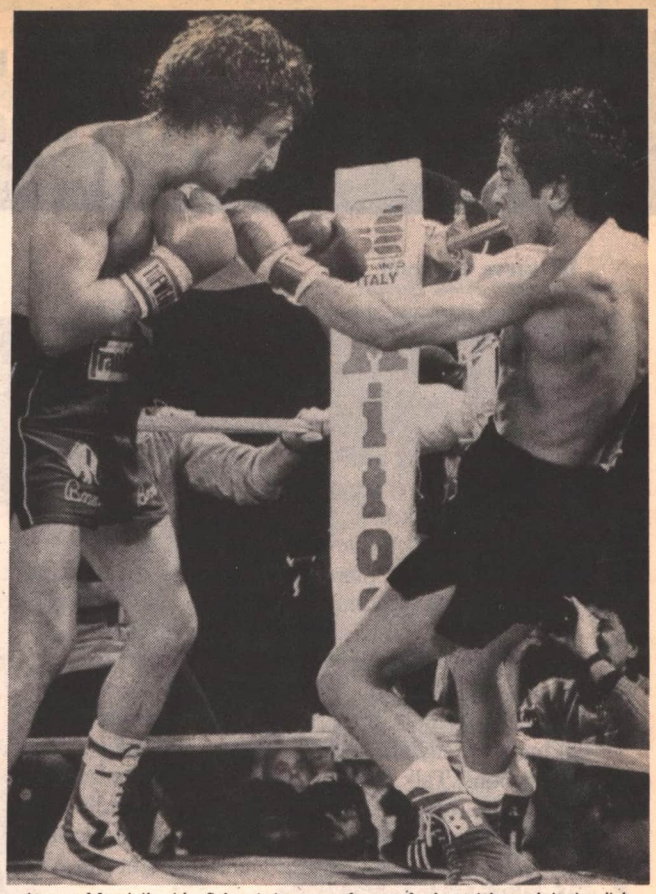
O'Grady was a good counterpuncher, and he threw nice combinations. He had good hand speed and a decent right hand. Outside of his title fights, however, his opposition was very weak. Aside from his win over Hilmer Kenty and his fight with Jim Watt, his record at lightweight is not that impressive. Mancini beat better lightweights and lost only to Alexis Arguello and Livingstone Bramble.

O'Grady would take an early lead. He'd catch Mancini coming in, but he'd also catch his fair share, too. By the middle rounds, both guys' faces would be puffed up and bleeding. That's about the time that Mancini would start to come on. Arguello was able to shake off Mancini's attack and pull out a late victory, but O'Grady wouldn't be able to. Mancini would rally in rounds nine, 10, and 11, and stop O'Grady by the 13th.

Mike Acri is a matchmaker and promoter who currently guides the career of Roberto Duran.



In his second try at the title, O'Grady punished defending WBA champion Hilmer Kenty for 15 rounds and was rewarded with a unanimous decision victory.



Among Mancini's title fight victims was former featherweight and junior lightweight champion Bobby Chacon, who was overwhelmed in three brutal rounds.

DON MAJESKI

There's no doubt about it: This would have been an exciting fight. It's an ethnic matchup that the fans would have loved. What would have made it so great is that both guys had good endurance and stamina, and neither was a defensive wizard.

Although neither man beat great champions, Mancini defeated a higher class of fighter. He showed me a lot when he outboxed Jose Luis Ramirez. Mancini had decent power in both hands. His left hook was his best punch. And he beat decent fighters while he was champion.

O'Grady was a good puncher, and he had a lot of heart. He turned pro at a young age and built an impressive record. But the majority of O'Grady's early fights were against inferior opposition.

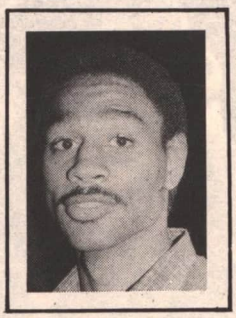
Mancini would attack from the opening bell, and he'd be able to sustain the pressure. He was stronger than O'Grady, and he had more power. Remember, Mancini gave Alexis Arguello a very tough time.

O'Grady was very experienced, and he had the punching power to make it interesting. But Mancini's superior strength and stamina would be the difference. He'd wear O'Grady down and stop him in the 14th round.

Don Majeski is a former boxing writer and matchmaker. He is currently the manager of WBC light heavyweight champion Jeff Harding.

HILMER KENTY

The one thing you could count on in this matchup is action. Mancini was a very determined fighter. He was always in superb condition and could bring the fight to anyone. He had a good left hook, and his right hand, which was more looping than straight, was also pretty good.



For a young guy, O'Grady had so much experience. And he used it to his advantage. There isn't one particular area in which I thought he was exceptional. He did everything well, but not great.

I see the fight being action-packed from the opening bell. As usual, Mancini would be the aggressor. He'd try to get inside. He'd score well, but he'd also catch punches, too.

The fight would start to change in the middle rounds. O'Grady was a very patient fighter. He would take his time, set up his punches, and slow Mancini down. This would hinder Mancini because he wasn't a great defensive fighter. O'Grady would even things up around the 10th round and then begin to pull ahead. It would be like Mancini's fight with Alexis Arguello, only closer, because O'Grady wasn't as strong as Arguello. O'Grady would win by late TKO or close 15-round decision.

Hilmer Kenty is a former WBA welterweight champion. In April 1981, he lost the title to O'Grady by 15-round decision. ■

THE 10 HARDEST PUNCHERS IN BOXING

The Ring Rates The Sport's Power Brokers

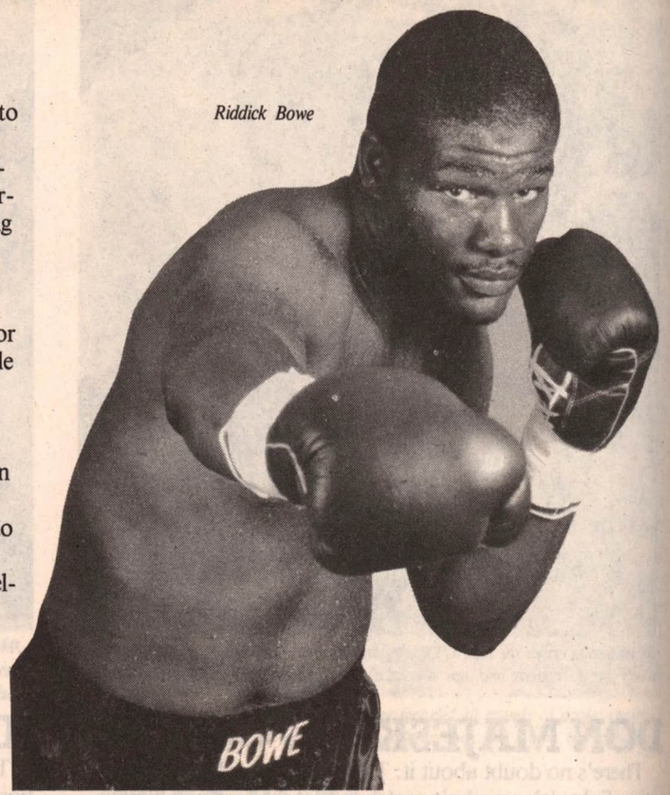
By Steve Farhood

Boxing fans are obsessed with punchers. When you walk into your local watering hole, the photo over the bar shows a fighter getting hit by a punch, not slipping one. Fight fans argue about the *hardest-hitting* heavyweight in history just as often as they argue about the *best* heavyweight. And the only boxing highlights you ever see on ESPN's *SportsCenter* are one-punch knockouts.

And why not? While boxing is the art of hitting without getting hit, there's nothing more exciting—or conclusive—than a bout ended by—*boom!*—a single blow. Nothing else in sports can match it.

Every few years, we share our list of the biggest punchers in the game. Our current choices include two heavyweights, three mighty mites who campaign at bantamweight or below, and four reigning world champions. Talk about chiller theater: As we went to press, two members of our top 10, WBC middleweight champion Julian Jackson and Gerald McClellan, were scheduled to clash. Think the fight will go the distance?

No fancy dans need apply. Here, then, are the hardest hitters, pound for pound, in boxing (selected in order).



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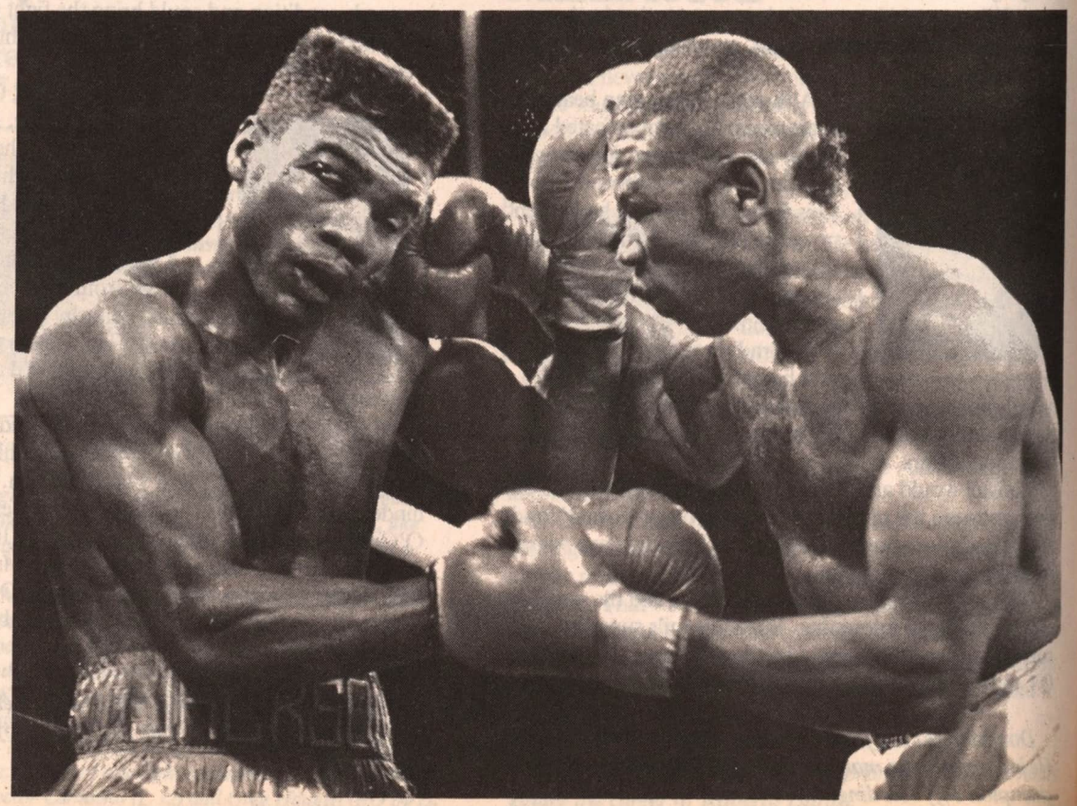


Julian Jackson trades with Eddie Hall

"Chiquita" Gonzalez downs Napa Kiatwanchai

1. Julian Jackson (46-1 with 43 kayos): When faced with world-class opposition, most punchers are extended a few rounds. But WBC middleweight champion Jackson has quickly kayoed Terry Norris, In Chul Baek, Herol Graham, and Buster Drayton. He also came close to stopping the rock-jawed Mike McCallum in the first round. "The Hawk's" style isn't subtle; he winds up and fires with both hands until . . . *Splat!*

2. Humberto Gonzalez (35-2 with 26 kayos): On our list of boxing's 10 best chins, Michael Carbajal would be ranked near the top—and Gonzalez floored him twice before being stopped. It remains to be seen whether "Chiquita" will carry his exceptional strength and power from 108 to 112 pounds. Our guess is that when he turns southpaw and lands that straight left, the flys will fly, just like most of the light flys flew.

MOVING UP WITH MUSCLE

The fighters listed below are master blasters who haven't yet fought for a world title. At least one or two of them figure to be crowned with a bang.

Roy Jones: Force equals mass times acceleration. The formula applies to Jones, who doesn't seem like a power hitter until you consider his fantastic hand speed. His opponents rarely see the punch that fells them.

Jones stops Percy Harris

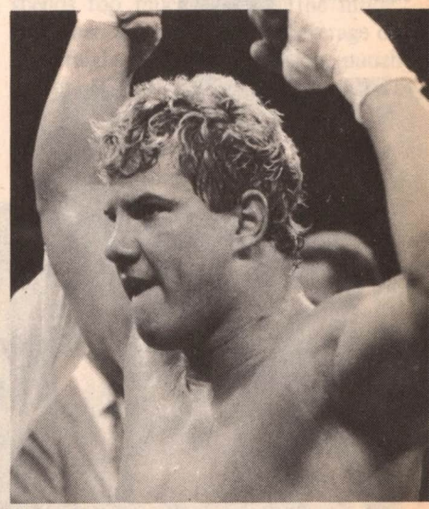
Vince Phillips: If this unbeaten junior welterweight ever kicks his drug problem, he just might punch his way to a world title. He's especially dangerous with his straight right hand.

Jade Scott: Lethal with both fists, Scott will always have a puncher's chance in the chronically weak cruiserweight division. His loss to Nate Miller, however, revealed a lack of stamina and defense.

Egerton Marcus: A puncher who hits too hard for his own good. A heavily muscled 175-pounder, Marcus has broken his right hand three times. As a result, he's developed his left. Now he's doubly dangerous.

Bernard Hopkins: You don't acquire the nickname "The Executioner" by circling the ring. Hopkins fires short, straight shots. His title fight showdown vs. Roy Jones is eagerly anticipated.

Michael Moorer: Is he as dangerous at heavyweight as he was at light heavyweight? His victory over Bonecrusher Smith suggests not. But Moorer has excellent hand speed, and he punches in bunches. Still dangerous.



Tommy Morrison

3. Tommy Morrison (35-1 with 31 kayos): So what if "The Duke" fell apart against Ray Mercer. So what if he was twice knocked down by Carl Williams. Morrison's left hook makes him a threat to kayo anyone. But he has to keep it short, deliver it with speed, and fire it to both the head and body. To be honest, we'd feel a lot better about this pick if his list of vic-

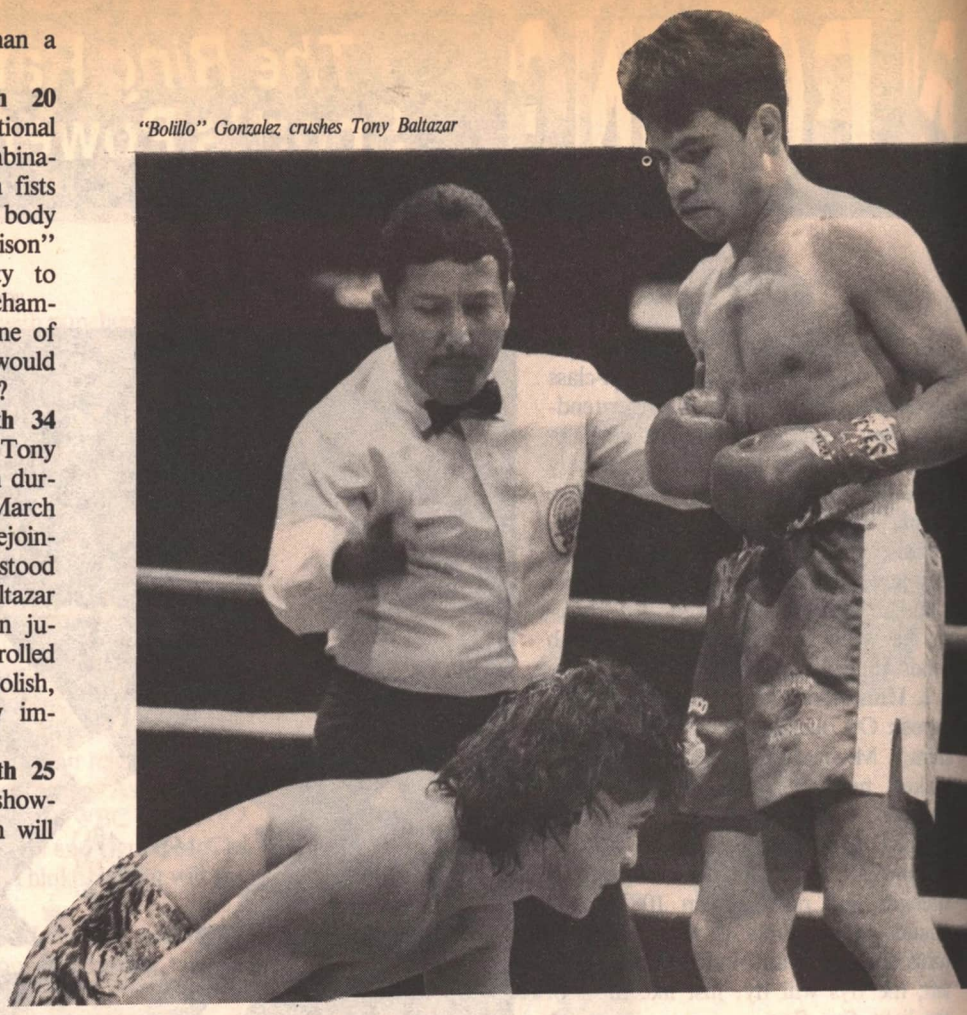
tims included someone better than a faded Williams and Joe Hipp.

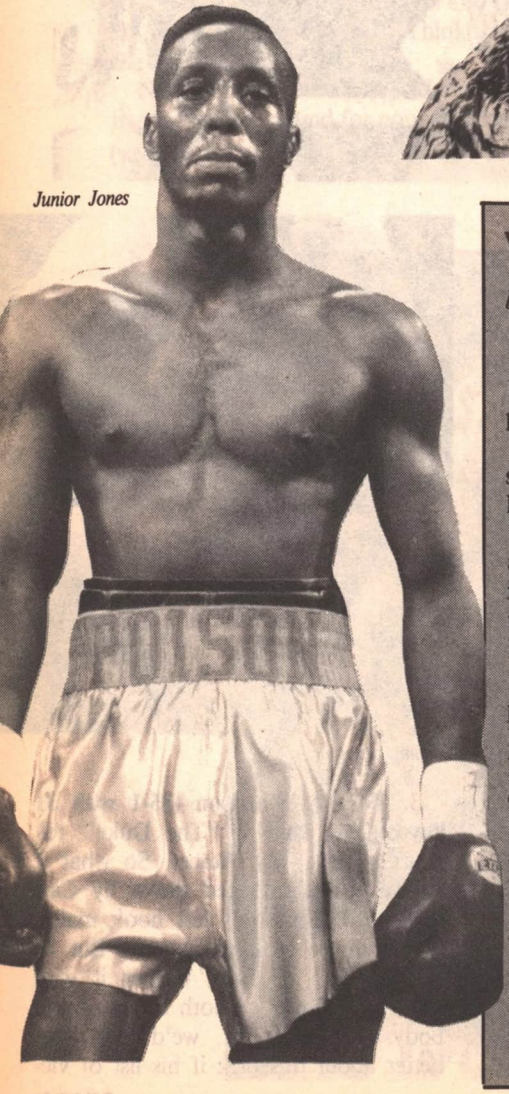
4. Junior Jones (28-0 with 20 kayos): Long arms . . . exceptional hand speed . . . punches in combination . . . crushing power in both fists . . . mixes attack to head and body . . . The only problem: "Poison" hasn't yet had the opportunity to flaunt his power against a world champion. Then again, if you held one of the world bantamweight titles, would *you* want to defend against him?

5. Carlos Gonzalez (37-0 with 34 kayos): A pair of hooks that Tony Baltazar landed to Gonzalez' chin during their one-round rumble in March almost resulted in "The Tiger" rejoining this top 10. But "Bolillo" stood tall, and when he answered, Baltazar crashed. The 20-year-old Mexican junior welterweight has also steamrolled Jimmy Paul (KO 2). He lacks polish, however, and must dramatically improve his defensive skills.

6. Gerald McClellan (27-2 with 25 kayos): This Kronk bomber's showdown with fellow flinger Jackson will

"Bolillo" Gonzalez crushes Tony Baltazar





Junior Jones

WHEN POWER WASN'T ENOUGH

The following fighters are dangerous punchers, but in their most recent big bouts, their muscle wasn't enough.

Eddie Cook: The southpaw bantamweight is a million-dollar hitter with a 10-cent chin. That combination never fails to make for exciting duels, as proven in his title fight loss to Eliecer Julio.

George Foreman: Big George is a rarity: His punches lack snap, but he's so strong that it doesn't seem to matter. In his 1991 try against then-heavyweight champion Evander Holyfield, he was simply too slow-handed.

Tracy Spann: A southpaw with a devastating left hand, and the hardest hitter in the lightweight division. But when he tries to box (vs. Jorge Paez and Freddie Pendleton), he becomes ordinary.

Spann guns for Freddie Pendleton

Rafael Pineda: The Colombian 140-pounder boxed 12 rounds against Pernell Whitaker, and the next powerpunch he lands will be the first. He's too often overanxious in an effort to land his booming right.

Razor Ruddock: "The Smash," Ruddock's hybrid left hook/uppercut, is scary for sure, but until the Razor develops another weapon, he'll continue to struggle vs. the best. At this point, it's probably too late.

Simon Brown: What good is a big hook if you can't land it? Brown was a tremendous hitter at 147 pounds. Against Buddy McGirt, however, he failed to catch a moving target. Will he keep his power at junior middleweight?

Scotty Olson: The explosive flyweight landed his right hand so often against Jose Luis Zepeda that he broke it. Strangely, nothing happened to Zepeda. As a result, Olson may have blown a shot at the world title.

THE FOREIGN LEGION

Many American fight fans haven't been exposed to some of the bigger bangers from abroad. These are some of the knockout artists you've been missing:

Paul Hodkinson (England): Even though the WBC featherweight champion has 21 kayos in 22 wins, he's not really a one-punch threat. Like Barry McGuigan before him, Hoko has mastered the left hook, and lands it often.

Julio Cesar Vasquez (Argentina): The WBA junior middleweight champion is fun to watch; he's an aggressive southpaw who features a big left hand. His last two title fights have been one-round blowouts.

Kostya Tszyu (Australia): There are parts of the world where Tszyu, and not Oscar De La Hoya, is considered the best prospect in boxing. The Russian-born phenom walks in and strikes quickly with straight punches.

Yori Boy Campas (Mexico): Okay, so maybe he's not the next Pipino Cuevas. But Campas throws a mean hook to the liver. Had he taken out Roger Turner on the Holyfield-Holmes undercard last June, he would've made our top 10.

Nigel Benn (England): Boxing more carefully at super middleweight than he did at middleweight. Recent distance fights with Lenzie Morgan and Mauro Galvano cost him a place in the top 10.

Benn overpowers Jose Quinones

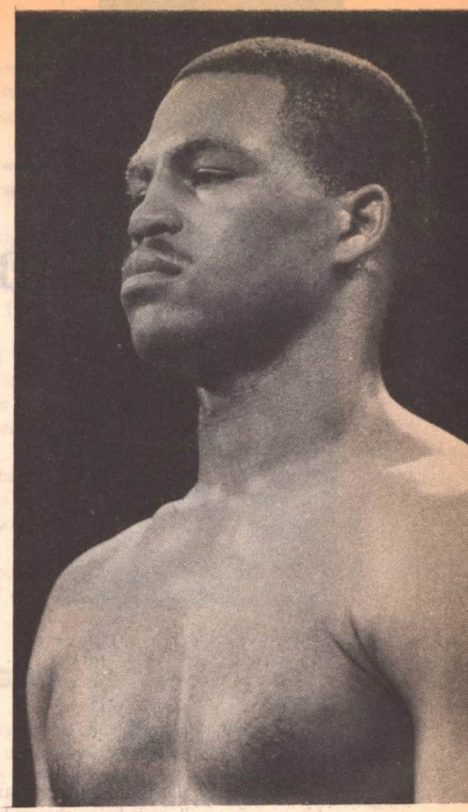
Miguel Angel Gonzalez (Mexico): The WBC lightweight titlist has scored 23 kayos in 26 wins. Perhaps he's too willing to rumble, as suggested by his thrill-a-minute title-winning effort against Wilfrido Rocha.

Phichit Sithbangprachan (Thailand): The IBF flyweight champion is crude, slow, and one-dimensional, but anyone who can knock out Rodolfo Blanco with one right hand belongs on this list.

Crisanto Espana (Northern Ireland): Ouch! It still hurts when we think of what "Claws" did to Meldrick Taylor. The WBA welterweight champion is a long-armed counterpuncher with one-shot power. How good can he become?

Eliecer Julio (Colombia): Julio's title-winning effort against Eddie Cook was a punchathon of bantam bangers, sort of a poor man's Zarate-Zamora. Most of his 21 kayos (in 24 wins), however, have come vs. soft opposition.

Nana Konadu (Ghana): The former WBC super flyweight champion has been quiet since losing the crown. But he remains a big banger, as evidenced by his five-knockdown performance against Gilberto Roman in 1989.



Gerald McClellan

8. Rafael Ruelas (36-1 with 29 kayos): We thought this stick-thin lightweight was an overrated puncher until last November, when he destroyed the usually sturdy Jorge Paez. Like a lot of tall fighters, Ruelas spends too much time on the inside. But when he maximizes the leverage on his straight right, he shows one-punch power. If he only had brother Gabe's defense. And if Gabe only had Rafael's power . . .

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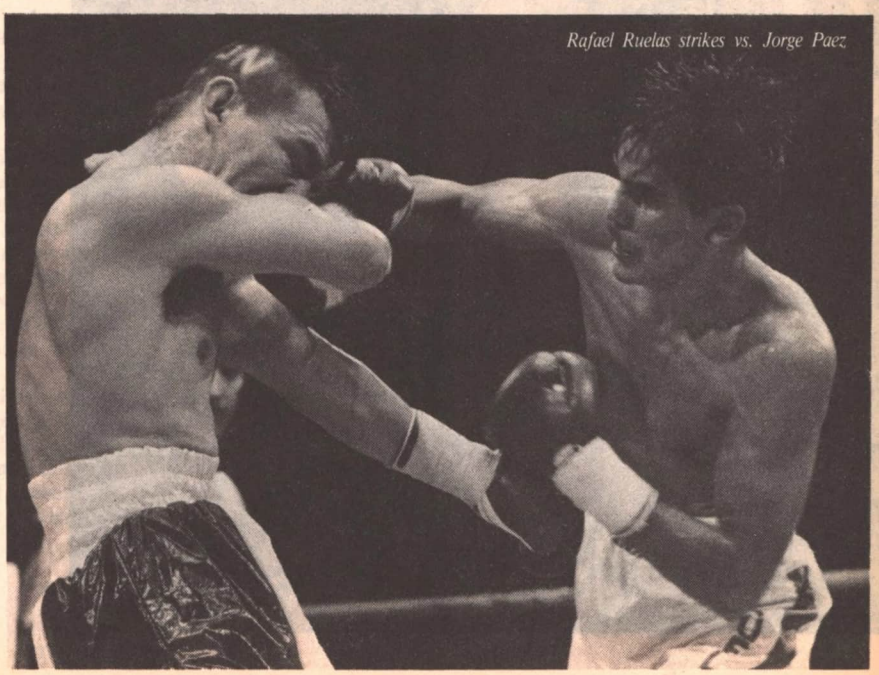
tell us if he really belongs. (As we went to press, the bout was scheduled for May 8.) McClellan hasn't beaten any contenders, but he combines strong skills with a big straight right and a heavy hook to the body. Emanuel Steward knows how to teach power-punching, and if McClellan kayos Jackson, he may become the Hearns of the '90s.

7. Riddick Bowe (33-0 with 28 kayos): "Big Daddy" didn't make this list because he finished Michael Dokes in one round. Instead, we considered the WBA/IBF heavyweight king's kayos over Bert Cooper, Tyrell Biggs, and Bruce Seldon, and his knockdown of Evander Holyfield. Bowe has all the punches. His primary weapons are his right hand and uppercuts at close range. He doesn't yet rate, however, with a Tyson or Foreman in their primes.



Rafael Ruelas strikes vs. Jorge Paez

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Time Capsules

By Stanley Weston

PLAY IT AGAIN, JACK

(June 23, 1919)

Trying to relax as the day he would face gigantic heavyweight champion Jess Willard drew ever closer, Jack Dempsey pecks out the soothing refrain of his favorite tune, "My Old Kentucky Home," on the ancient piano at his training camp. It made no difference that Jack came from Colorado and had never set foot in Kentucky. "I don't know why, but whenever I hear that song I feel good all over," he said.

Only one of the four characters surrounding Dempsey appears to be there of his own free will, that being the smiling, towering fellow on the right, chosen as top sparring partner because of his size. The others (left to right), camp chef, dishwasher, and camp barber, who should be ashamed of himself for the merciless way he "lowered" Jack's ears.

It was reported that after music hour was over, the barber, upon leaving the room, muttered to the dishwasher, "How I hate that damned song. It makes me cry." Maybe it was the way Jack played it.

TAKING A BREATHER

(February 21, 1955)

Sandy Saddler, his trademark Scotch plaid beret perched atop his head, looks back at cocky Ted "Red Top" Davis while Dr. Vincent Nardiello of the New York State Athletic Commission checks his heartbeat.

The 29-year-old Saddler, his body as rock-hard and perfectly tuned as it always was during his long, fantastic career, was slightly favored to retain the world featherweight title against the number-one contender. But looks can be deceiving. Sandy's eyes had been giving him serious problems; he was experiencing blurred vision, and it was difficult to focus. All that sticking by Willie Pep's educated thumbs in those three classic Pep-Saddler wars had finally caught up with him. No question about it, Sandy wasn't the ring artist he once had been.

Red Top Davis didn't have a red hair atop his bullet-shaped head. But he was built like a tank, never backed away, and had a granite chin and solid power in both fists. And how he yearned to be a world champion after nine fruitless years of trying. This was his big chance, facing a legendary champion who couldn't pass the eye test for dog catcher.

For 15 rounds, Saddler circled his relentless foe, always to his left because it gave him the clearest line of vision. "There were times when I saw three guys in front of me," Sandy later admitted.

Well aware of Saddler's predicament, the crowd that filled more than half of Madison Square Garden that night yelled encouragement to the legendary champion, and roared their approval when, at the end of 15 exciting rounds, the announcer bellowed, "Winner and still champion, Sandy Saddler."

THE FIGHTER TAKES A BRIDE

(Circa 1938)

The only identification on the back of this picture reads, "Milt Aron, Chicago." Those few words weren't necessary. I instantly recognized that handsome face with the flattened nose. But I had never before seen a picture of Milt when he wasn't wearing boxing trunks. Of course, nobody in those days wore boxing trunks to his own wedding.

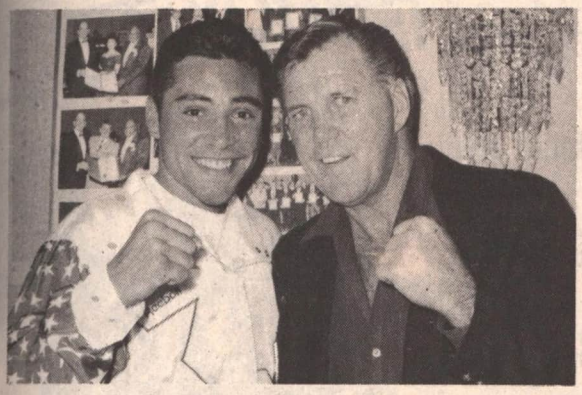
In his prime, Milt Aron was a world-class welterweight whom *The Ring* rated third in 1939. He was lightning-fast and a superb boxer, but it was his murderous right hand that rocketed him to stardom and branded him the man to be avoided by champions and top contenders of his time.

Fritzie Zivic was different. Assured of a title shot if he could get past Aron, Fritzie stepped into a Chicago ring on December 27, 1939, with one strategy in mind: Don't get caught by Aron's right hand. The strategy failed. In the eighth round, Milt feinted twice with left jabs, and Zivic stepped in close and launched a left hook that never landed. Aron exploded a booming right over Fritzie's left that caught Zivic flush on the chin, rendering him helpless.

Of course, Aron never achieved anywhere near the fame Zivic did. Ten months after being kayoed by Aron, Fritzie knocked out Henry Armstrong to win the welterweight crown. Meanwhile, poor Milt was still being sidetracked. When you consider that in his fabled 17-year career, Zivic was stopped only four times in 230 fights (once by Sugar Ray Robinson), Aron's knockout of Fritzie is dramatic proof of Milt's extraordinary skill and power.

Aron was born in Chicago, the son of an orthodox rabbi. The family moved to Dubuque, Iowa, where Milt went through school and began boxing as an amateur. As a flyweight, he won the Golden Gloves in 1932. The next year he won the featherweight tri-state amateur championship. Turning pro in 1933, he won 40 of his first 45 bouts, drew twice, and lost three decisions.

Had not this ancient picture of Milt's wedding been discovered in *The Ring's* files, most of you would never have known there was a boxer by the name of Milt Aron, which would have been a shame. Now if we only knew the name of his beautiful bride.



OH, TO BE A KID AGAIN

(March 20, 1993)

When one-time leading heavyweight contender Jerry Quarry (right) spotted sensational young lightweight contender Oscar De La Hoya at the annual Cauliflower Alley Club banquet in Studio City, California, Jerry's smiling Irish eyes lit up like street lights. He didn't have to speak one word for you to know what flashed through his mind: *If I were only this kid's age.*

One can't be sure whether Jerry's envy was brought about more by the 20-year-old De La Hoya's tender age or the fact that he was paid a whopping $200,000 for his professional debut in November 1992.

Oscar graciously returned Quarry's compliments. "I know about you," he said as he shook Jerry's hand. "You were a very good boxer. I saw tapes of you with Ali and Frazier. Yes, you were really something."

Nothing could have made Jerry happier. "It's really great to know you're still remembered," he said.

(Photograph by special *Ring* correspondent Abe Hochheiser.)

I'LL SHINE YOUR SHOES

(February 25, 1961)

One day, Cus D'Amato, manager of world heavyweight champion Floyd Patterson, walked into the barber shop of a Miami Beach hotel to get his hair cut. He took off his jacket and sat down to wait his turn when a stocky, middle-aged man asked, "Want a shoe shine, Mister?"

Cus instantly recognized the man's battle-scarred face. "You're Beau Jack," Cus said. "That's me," came the reply.

D'Amato, always recognized as a great trainer and strategist, was also a devoted fan who idolized courageous fighters like Beau Jack. "I must have seen you fight a hundred times," Cus said to the man who had fought more main events in Madison Square Garden than anyone. "How many times did you fight [Ike] Williams?" "Four times," Beau said impassively, as if he were asked that same question every day.

D'Amato was absorbed in what he liked to do best—talk boxing. But Beau was becoming more and more restless. After all, he had to earn a living, what with all those kids of his to feed. So when Cus got around to expounding on Jack's classic series with Bob Montgomery, the great former lightweight champion cut in as politely as he could. "How about me shining your shoes now?"

Cus' face took on a look of sad embarrassment. "You'll never shine my shoes, Beau. I'm the one who should shine your shoes. And that's what I'm gonna do right now."

D'Amato grabbed Beau's arm and walked him over to the crude shoe shine stand at the rear of the barber shop. "Now you get up there on that chair," Cus ordered. "Where do you keep the brush and the shoe polish?"

"Down under the chair," Beau said, pointing to the tools of his trade. The manager of the heavyweight champion of the world proceeded to give the former lightweight champion of the world a dazzling spit shine . . . and a crisp, new hundred dollar bill.

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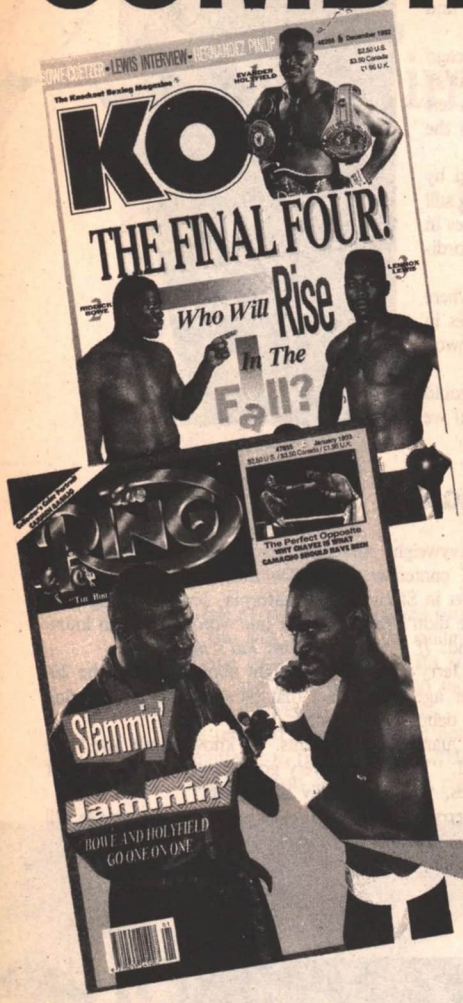

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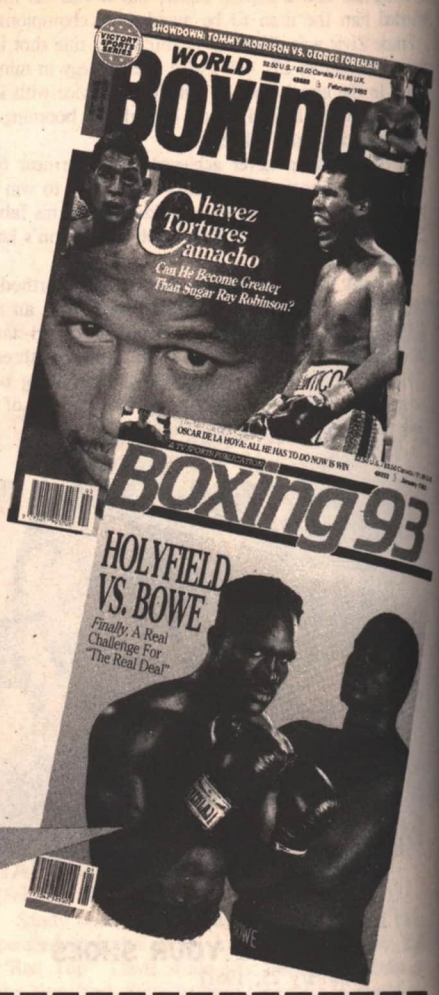

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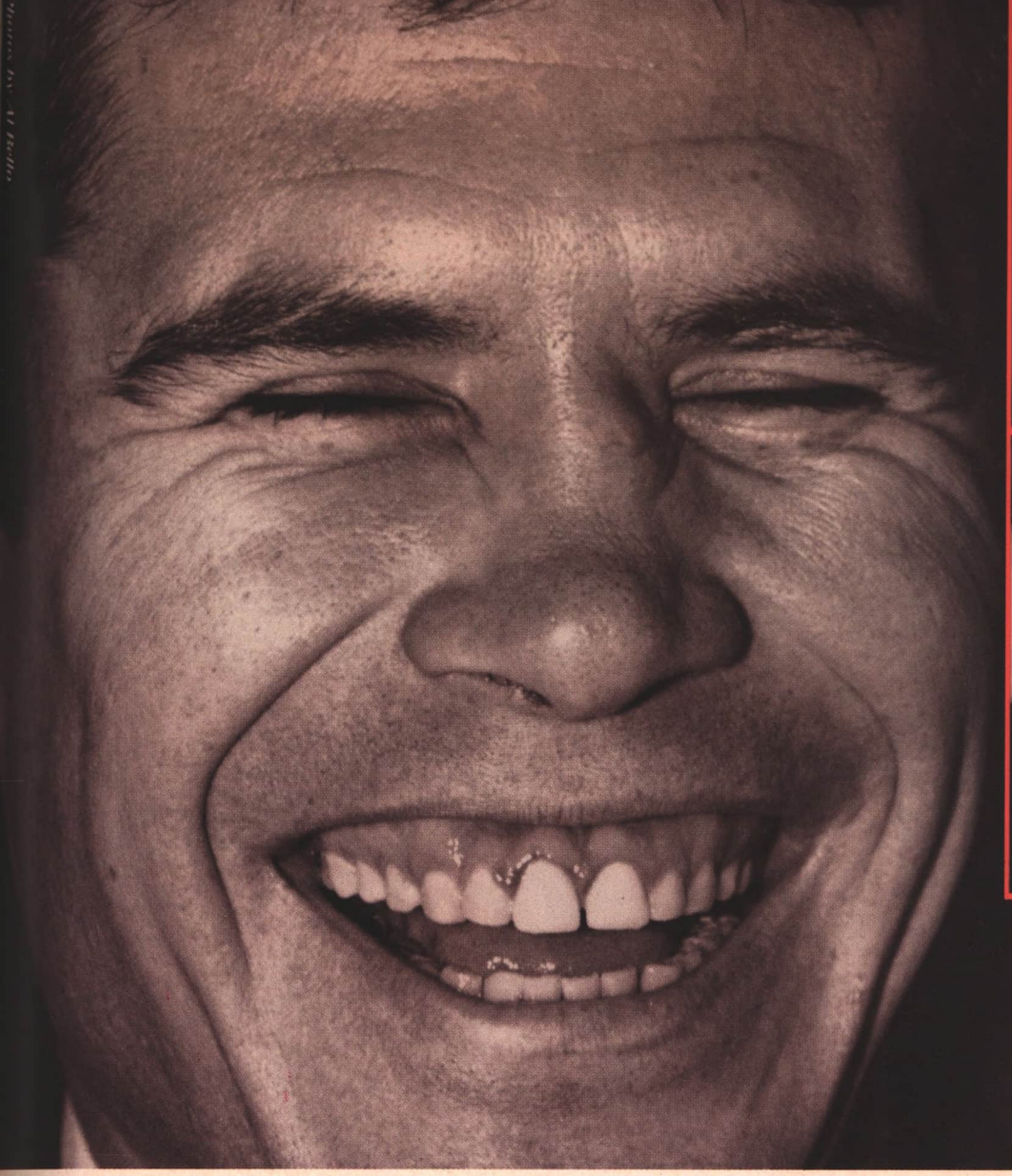
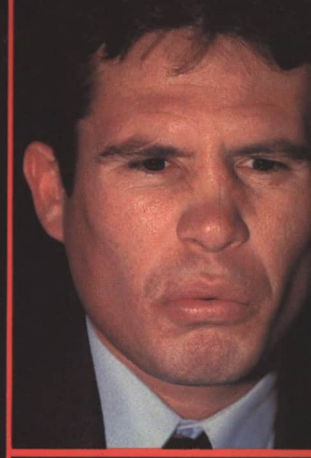
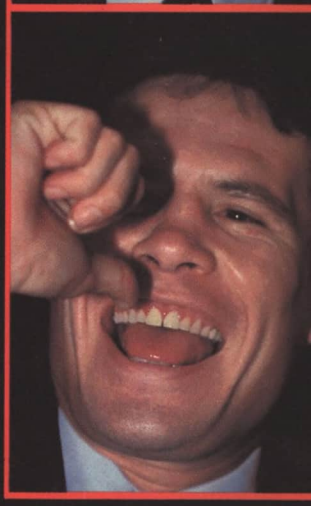






A CHAT WITH CHAVEZ

The World's Best Fighter Speaks Out

When you're the greatest fighter in the world, the championship bouts are the easy part. On March 31, Julio Cesar Chavez flew from Culiacan, Mexico, to New York City. On April 1, he attended the WBC's 30th anniversary celebration at the U.N. Plaza Hotel, and later that afternoon spoke at the United Nations' tribute to Battling Siki. On April 2, the WBC super lightweight champion flew back home. He was supposed to stay in the Big Apple another day, but, as he put it, "It was too cold."

As we went to press, Chavez was scheduled to defend the title against Terrence Alli in Las Vegas on May 8. Should he emerge victorious, he'll advance to 87-0 and clear the way for a September showdown with WBC welterweight champion Pernell Whitaker. If "J.C. Superstar" triumphs in that one, too, he'll be a huge step closer to realizing his dream of winning his first 100 fights.

During Chavez' stay in New York City, Editor-In-Chief Steve Farhood spoke briefly with the champion. (Chavez aide Alberto Gonzalez translated.) Farhood's impression: "Over the years, I've spent bits and pieces of time with Chavez. Cynical as I am, I always come away with the feeling that this guy is too well-adjusted to be a living legend. He's always relaxed, cordial, and quick with a smile. Of all the fighters I've ever met, I'd have to say that he's the most secure in himself."

The Ring: Are you as good a fighter as you were three or four years ago?

Chavez: Right now I'm better. I'm more experienced, and my fights are easier because I'm stronger than when I fought at junior lightweight and lightweight.

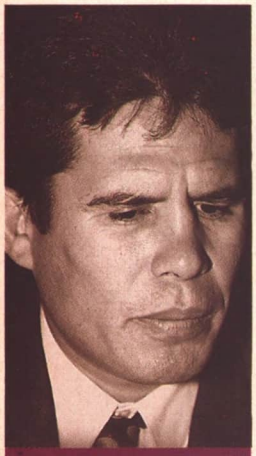
The Ring: What do you weigh right now? And at what weight do you feel you will begin to lose your effectiveness?

Chavez: I weigh 150 pounds. I can fight at welterweight. Anything more than that and I'll slow down.

wish I was alone. And more often now than ever before. But I was brought up in Culiacan, and my family's there. I miss my wife and kids right now.

The Ring: What have you done with all your money?

Chavez: I've invested in real estate in Mexico, in Culiacan. When I retire, I don't want to have to come back and fight again. A lot of boxers are broke. Thanks to God, when I retire I won't have to make a comeback.



"It's not that important that I retire without any losses. I just want to retire with all my faculties."

Chavez admitted that he could have stopped Greg Haugen (above) in the first round. The legendary champion was no less merciless vs. Hector Camacho (opposite page).

The Ring: How do you explain your unbelievable popularity in Mexico?

Chavez: *(Shrugs and smiles)* I don't know. I can't explain it very well. Something incredible has happened. All I can say is that they love me and I love them.

The Ring: You still live in Culiacan. Don't you ever think about moving to where you can have some privacy?

Chavez: Yes. There are many times I

The Ring: Except for Rocky Marciano, every champion has lost at least one fight. Do you ever think about losing?

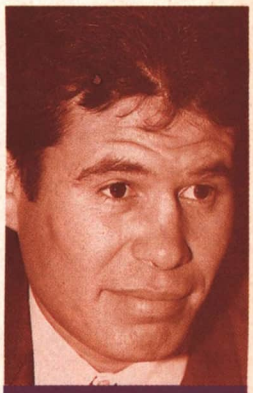
Chavez: *(Raises hands into the air, sighs)* When you least expect it, you can lose. I'm not a superman. I know that any human being in any fight can lose. But I'm a very responsible person. I know that the easier fights, if I don't train myself into good condition, can be difficult. So I train properly. It's not that important that I retire without any losses. I just want to retire with all my faculties.

The Ring: Are we correct in presuming that you consider Meldrick Taylor to have been your toughest fight? And does it bother you that some people think the fight shouldn't have been stopped and Taylor should have won on points?

Chavez: There have been many tough fights, but the one I remember most is Taylor. It doesn't bother me what some people say because of how Taylor looked. I beat him bad, knocked him down, and he looked like a monster.

The Ring: Do you feel you'd be an even bigger star if you spoke English?

Chavez: Sometimes it bothers me that I can't express myself in English. If I was a U.S. citizen, I'd be a bigger star than Sugar Ray Leonard and any other boxer. No U.S. boxer has done what I've done. But I'm happy the way I am.



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The Ring: Even though you are a cool assassin, which of your opponents did you dislike?

Chavez: Lonnie Smith, "Chapo" Rosario, Camacho, Haugen *(smiles)* . . . All the ones who talked before the fight. Now Terrence Alli is starting to do the same thing. Now he's talking.

The Ring: Settle it once and for all: Could you have finished Haugen in the first round?

Chavez: *(Smiles, pauses)* Probably. I wanted to punish him.

The Ring: Your opinion of Pernell Whitaker?

Chavez: He's a good boxer, a *difficult* boxer. He doesn't hit hard. He moves very well. With good sparring and the right type of preparation, I will win. A difficult fight, yes. But in the end, I will beat him.

The Ring: What did you think when Don King said that he wouldn't match you with Terry Norris because you would be slaughtered?

Chavez: The Norris fight would simply be too much weight. If Norris would lower his weight, I would fight him. I'll try Whitaker at 147 pounds. If I beat him, I'll fight Norris at 147, too.

The Ring: What do you think you'd like to do after you retire from boxing?

Chavez: I'll be my own boss. Work with my real estate. I'm building a building right now, and I'm building some gas stations. I'd like to promote fights in Culiacan and maybe do some TV commentary. But I wouldn't want to be a trainer or manager.

The Ring: Reaching 100-0 is important to you. If you make it, how will you celebrate?

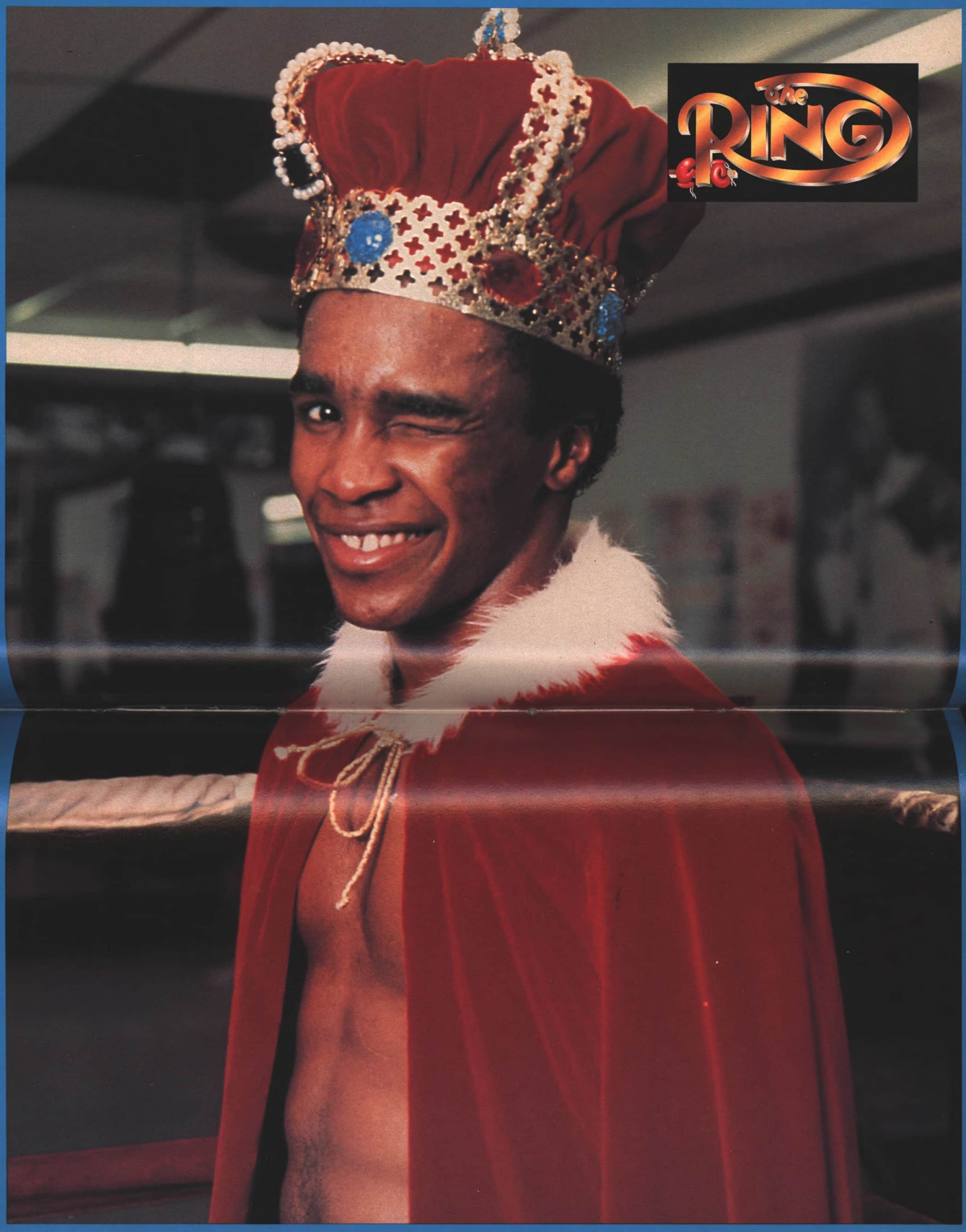
Chavez: *(Big smile)* I'll drink a cold beer.

The Ring: Let's say you were going to fight Julio Cesar Chavez. Would you know how to approach such a bout?

Chavez: Yes.

The Ring: And?

Chavez: *(Laughing)* That's a secret that I'm not giving away. ■



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BUT BOBBY CZYZ HAS THE HEAD FOR IT ANYWAY

By Jeff Ryan

There are a lot of guys in boxing who will get smart with you in a second. If you believe Sammy "The Bull" Gravano's testimony to the Senate, there are a lot of wise guys, too. Lots of fighters use their heads (and are usually penalized a point for it), and if everybody in the game was to display their B.S. at the same time, they could cover the walls.

But nobody is ever going to confuse the venerable institution of boxing with the venerable institution of Dartmouth. The only Ivy you'll find in boxing is on Junior Jones' birth certificate. How many fight people, after all, think Summa Cum Laude is the IBF junior bantamweight champion? Or Azumah Nelson's hometown? Probably too many.

The fight game seems forever destined to wear a dunce cap and sit in a corner, albeit a neutral one. Hey, Einstein never got hit in the face for a living, so fighters can't be expected to know that $E=MC^2$. Some of them don't even know that E means it's time to pull into a gas station. Most pugilists can wear a robe decorated with light bulbs and sequins, stand under the ring lights in Las Vegas, and *still* not be considered bright.

But now MENSA has a new member, and—surprise, surprise—he wraps his hands and rubs Vaseline on his eyebrows before going to work. In February, WBA cruiserweight titlist Bobby Czyz was admitted to MENSA, an organization for people whose IQs are in the top two percent of the world's population. MENSA, in case you haven't heard of it before, advertises itself as an intellectual society that "seeks to foster human intelligence and to provide a stimulating intellectual and social environment for its members." And

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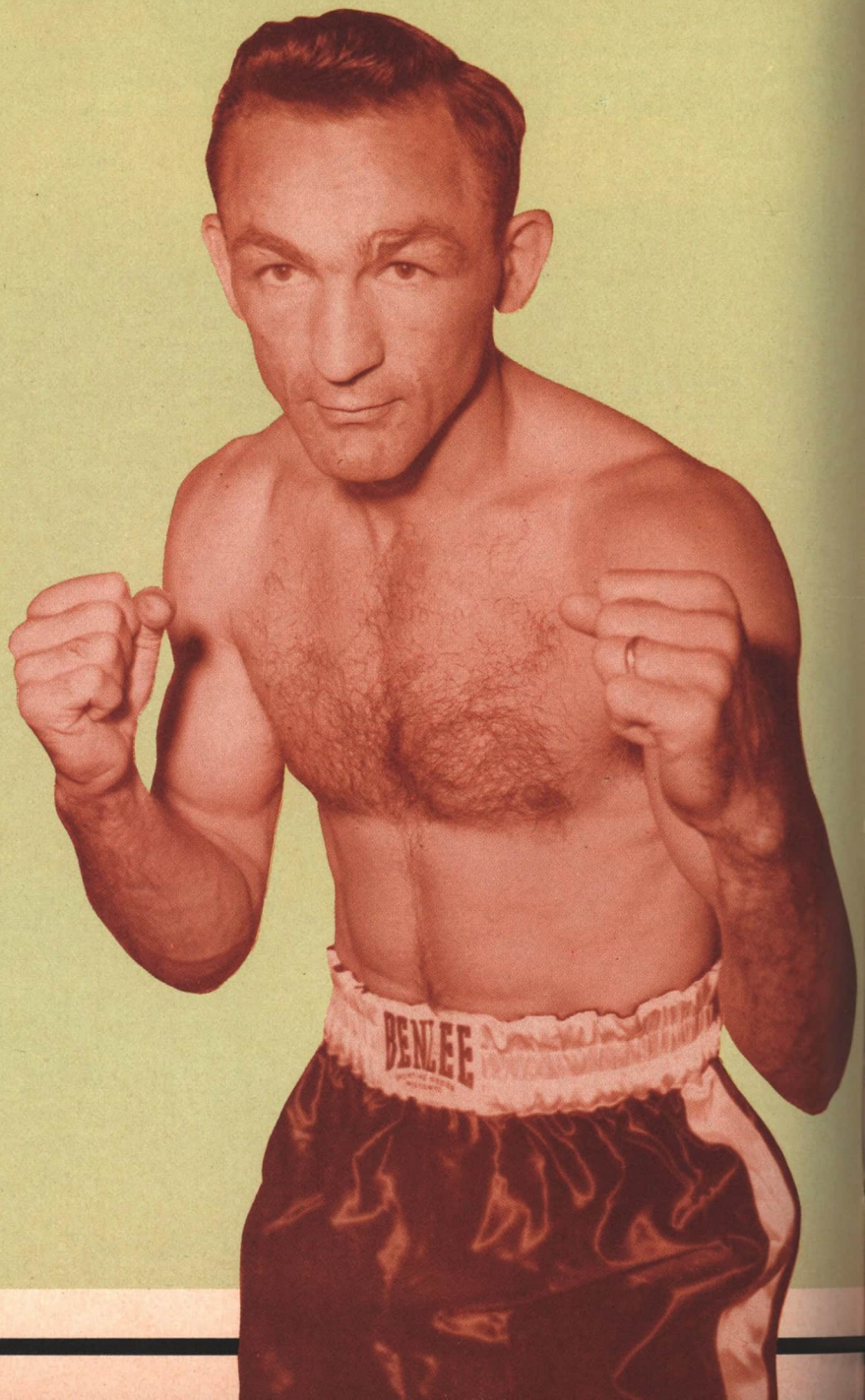
Photo By Al Bello

The Onion Farmer From Canastota

WHEN BASILIO DUG DEEP, HE FOUND WHAT HE NEEDED

Whenever a crisis confronted Carmen Basilio, he would send down a message deep within himself and call for that something extra to pull him out of trouble



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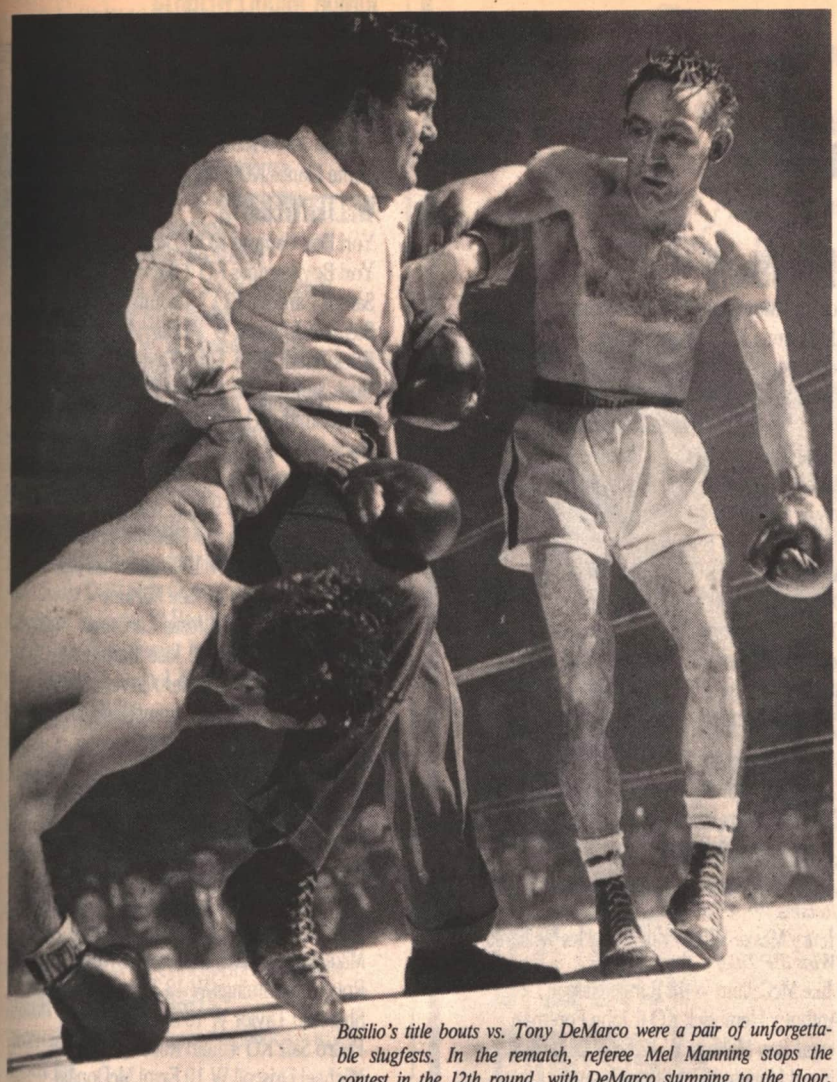

Basilio's title bouts vs. Tony DeMarco were a pair of unforgettable slugfests. In the rematch, referee Mel Manning stops the contest in the 12th round, with DeMarco slumping to the floor.

By Bob Waters

In certain areas of Central New York State, they have what are called muck farms. These are patches of rich, black earth covered with a wash of water that goes knee-deep.

The vegetables that are raised there are the biggest and most luscious of their species. Not so are those hard souls who raise the vegetables—especially the kids. The long hours of sifting in the muck, the constant bending and muscle-tearing toil, turn a lot of those kids out on the small side—not beautiful, and certainly not rich. But for some reason, and maybe it's the muck, the workers in those flatlands share one thing with the crops they raise; they are hardy.

But unlike the vegetables, they aren't always digestible—at least the poolroom boys never found them agreeable.

There is a state trooper who is stationed at the Oneida Barracks (which is about halfway between Rome and Syracuse), who was one of the town's poolroom boys 20 years ago.

"I'll tell you about those kids," he said recently. "They were awfully tough. Usually they weren't very big, but it didn't matter. Some kid half your size could tear your head off."

The trooper remembers one little guy especially.

"He knows me, so don't use my

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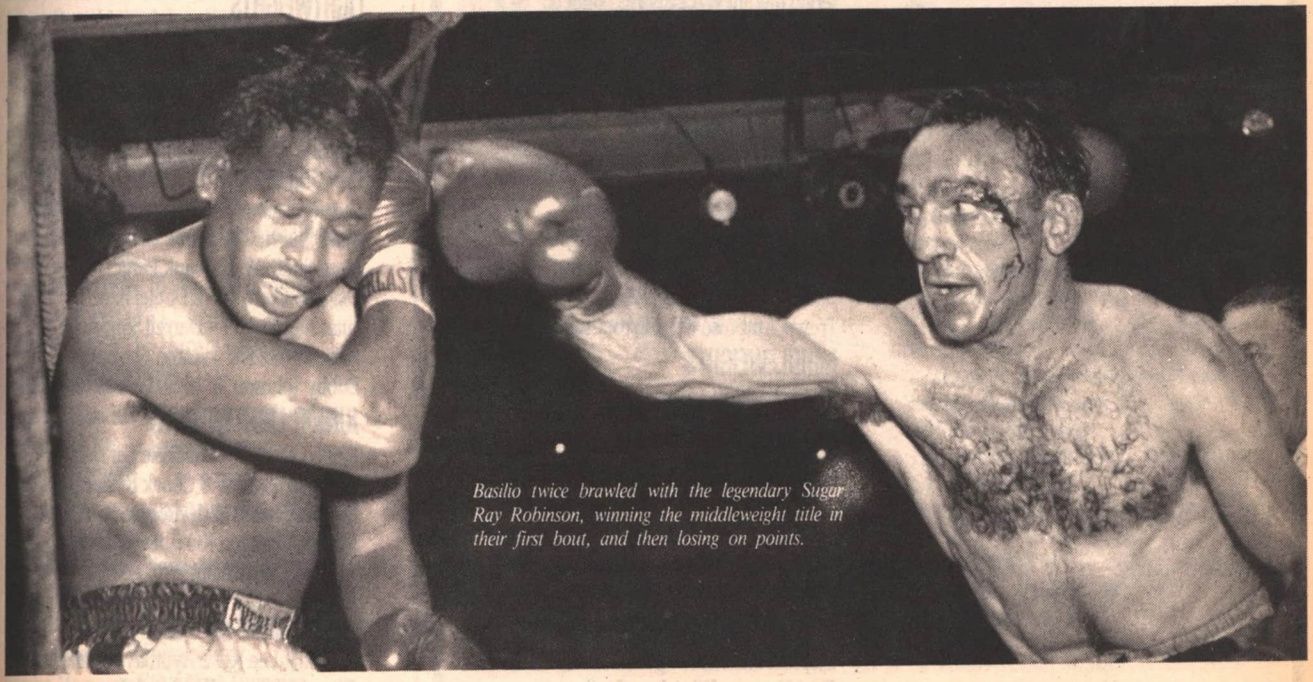

Basilio twice brawled with the legendary Sugar Ray Robinson, winning the middleweight title in their first bout, and then losing on points.

Summary

HEAVYWEIGHTS

Tommy Morrison KO 3 Dan Murphy
Alex Garcia KO 1 West Turner
Bert Cooper W 10 Derek Williams
Joe Hipp W 10 Kevin Ford
Henry Akinwande W 12 Jimmy Thunder
Lionel Butler KO 7 Craig Payne
Carlos DeLeon W 10 James Wilder
James Wilder W 10 Leon Spinks
Tex Cobb KO 1 Bud Warrior
Andrew Golota KO 2 Bobby Crabtree
Danell Nicholson KO 3 Ken Bentley
Danell Nicholson KO 3 Luis Torres
Jeremy Williams W 8 Marion Wilson
Shannon Briggs KO 1 Glenn Gulette

CRUISERWEIGHTS

Vincent Boulware W 12 Dale Jackson
Keith McKnight W 12 David Quinn
Eddy Smulders KO 4 Johnny Held

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

Virgil Hill W 12 Fabrice Tiozzo
(Retains WBA Title)
Henry Maske W 12 Prince Charles Williams
(Wins IBF Title)
Mike McCallum W 10 Ramzi Hassan
Anthony Hembrick KO 6 John Foreman
Sugar Boy Malinga W 12 Gary Ballard
Ernest Mateen KO 1 Steve Pannell
Sergio Merani W 12 Rodrigo Benech
Montell Griffin KO 2 Calvin Puckett
Johnny McClain KO 1 Ole Klemetsen
Mickey Rourke KO 1 Tom Bentley

SUPER MIDDLEWEIGHTS

James Toney KO 9 Govoner Chavers
(Non-Title Bout)
Antoine Byrd W 10 Frank Nicotra
Ray Close Tech. Dec. 10 Vincenzo Nardiello
Tony Thornton W 10 John Scully
James Cook KO 6 Karl Barwise
Trevor Ambrose KO 2 Errol Christie

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Lamar Parks KO 5 Willie Kemp
Chris Pyatt W 10 Paul Wesley
Jorge Castro W 10 Italo Meza
Quincy Taylor KO 1 Robert Britt
Quincy Taylor KO 5 Martin Quiroz
Dan Sherry W 10 Victor Davis
Davey Hilton KO 7 Fitzgerald Bruney
Ian Garrett W 10 Melvin Wynn
Johnson Tshuna W 10 Ricky Thomas
Stephen Martinez W 8 Tim Dendy
Raul Marquez KO 4 Jose Garcia

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Julio Cesar Vasquez KO 3 Angel Moguea
(Non-Title Bout)
Aaron Davis W 10 Nick Rupa
Carl Daniels W 10 Louis Howard
William Jones KO 2 Greg Cadiz
Jaime Llanes KO 2 Jorge Vaca

WELTERWEIGHTS

Yori Boy Campas KO 8 David Taylor
Yori Boy Campas KO 2 Steven Barrera
Santos Cardona KO 7 Tommy Small
Stephan Johnson W 10 Darryl Lattimore
Buck Smith KO 1 Tony Taylor
Buck Smith KO 2 Johnny Ramirez
Buck Smith KO 3 Bobby Irvins
Buck Smith KO 3 Jeffrey Frank
Angel Hernandez W 12 Cirillo Nino
Spike Cheney KO 9 Don Wilford
Gert Bo Jacobsen KO 6 Bobby Butters
Wilber Kiggundu W 10 Engels Pedroza
Nike Khumalo W 10 Lee Fortune
Primo Ramos W 12 Jesus Cardenas
Andrew Murray W 12 Jose Martinez
Tony Marshall W 10 Piero Severini
Rusty Derouen KO 2 Kenny Louis

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS

Charles Murray W 10 Tony Martin
Carlos Gonzalez KO 1 Tony Baltazar
Loreto Garza KO 8 Gilberto Flores
Pedro Sanchez KO 10 Miguel Santana
Angel Hernandez W 10 Sammy Fuentes
Juan LaPorte KO 2 Marcos Lizarraga
Mike Johnson KO 2 Walter Cowen
Roland Commings W 12 Tommy Hanks
Shannon Taylor W 10 Shane Riley
Pedro Saiz KO 4 Juan Romero
Michael Driscoll W 10 Errol McDonald

LIGHTWEIGHTS

Miguel Angel Gonzalez W 10 Bruno Rabanales
(Non-Title Bout)
Miguel Julio KO 1 Jose Luis Madrid-Flores
Oscar De La Hoya W 8 Mike Grable
Wilfrido Rocha KO 5 Luis Castellon
Carl Griffith KO 10 Sergei Artemiev
Gussie Olzubek KO 2 Kwang Shik Song
Mark Smith KO 2 Jaime Garza
Mark Smith W 10 Frank Pena
Osvaldo Corro W 12 Daniel Arce
Juan Negron KO 4 Darrell Singleton
Jesse Torres KO 3 Aaron Shockley
Bobby Johnson W 10 Steve Mistretta

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS

Regilio Tuur KO 7 Michele LaFratta
Jimmi Bredahl W 8 Chuck Richards
Renato Cornett W 10 Robbie Rahangmetan
Marcos Villasana KO 5 Javier Lucas
Tiger Ari W 12 Chul Won Lee
Ed Hopson KO 6 Hector Monjardin
Pete Taliaffero KO 6 Bobby Giepert
Eun Shik Lee KO 2 Ayuthaya Sithfahkamron
Ditau Molefyane W 12 Rick Rayner

Bobby Brewer KO 5 Pierre Lorcy
Lance Holcomb W 10 Larry Loy

FEATHERWEIGHTS

Yung Kyun Park KO 4 Thanomchit Kiatkriengkrai *(Retains WBA Title)*
Kevin Kelley KO 4 Arturo Gonzalez
Jesse James Leija W 12 Louie Espinoza
Harold Mestre KO 2 Isaac Dominiquette
Ever Beleno KO 4 Julio Barbosa
Herve Jacob KO 11 Maurizio Stecca
November Ntshingila W 10 Jorge Rodriguez
Moussa Sangaree W 8 Ed Parker
Alejandro Gonzalez W 12 Ulysses Chong
Javier Leon KO 5 Elias Quiroz
Koji Matsumoto W 10 Yoshikazu Tamasaki
Hector Acero W 10 Darryl Pinckney
Benny Amparo W 10 Shawn Wilkins
Bong Chul Kim W 10 Virgilio Openo

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS

Jesus Salud KO 1 Miguel Molina
Rudy Zavala D 10 Max Gomez
Baby Sugar Rojas W 12 Benito Rodriguez
Freddy Cruz W 10 Junior Rosario
Cesar Soto KO 1 Miguel Tepanecati

BANTAMWEIGHTS

Orlando Canizales KO 11 Bones Adams *(Retains IBF Title)*
Jung Il Byun W 12 Victor Rabanales *(Wins WBC Title)*
Rafael Del Valle KO 5 Wilfredo Vargas
Yong Hoon Lee W 10 Samuel Duran
Cuauhtemoc Gomez KO 6 Marcelo Nava
Cecilio Espino KO 5 Elio Dominguez
Ricardo Vargas W 12 Concepcion Velazquez

JUNIOR BANTAMWEIGHTS

Thalerngsak Mahasarakam (Sithbaobay) KO 5 Kenichi Iha
Johnny Bredahl W 12 Rafael Caban
Johnny Bredahl KO 1 Jose DeJesus
Jose Luis Bueno W 10 Arturo Estrada
Angel Rosario-Garcia W 10 Carlos Mercado
Tacy Macalos Tech. Dec. 6 Dodie Penalosa
Rolando Pascua KO 6 Rey Paciones
Arthur Johnson W 8 Shrimpy Clarke

FLYWEIGHTS

Yuri Arbachakov KO 9 Muangchai Kittikasem *(Retains WBC Title)*
Miguel Martinez W 10 Eduardo Ramirez
Francisco Tejedor KO 1 Ariel Batista
Futoshi Shindo KO 5 Hiroshi Kobayashi

JUNIOR FLYWEIGHTS

Domingo Sosa KO 4 Domingo Quillen
Hector Patri KO 11 Sandro Oviedo

STRAWWEIGHTS

Ratanapol Sor Voraphin KO 7 Nico Thomas *(Retains IBF Title)*
Ala Villamor KO 2 Texas Mug Gomez
Jesus Chong KO 10 Raul Rios
Pretty Boy Lucas W 12 Javier Varguez
Oh Kon Kim D 10 Faisol Akbar
Ronnie Magramo KO 4 Noel Tunacao

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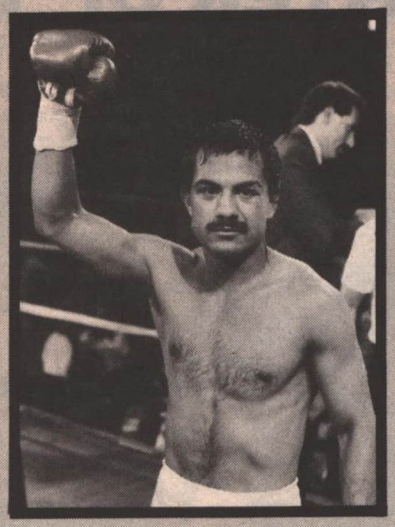
By Mark Malinowski



ORLANDO CANIZALES

IBF Bantamweight Champion

Height: 5'4"
Weight: 118 pounds
Date of Birth: November 25, 1965
Place of Birth: Laredo, Texas

Childhood Heroes: Muhammad Ali; my brothers (Gaby, Rick, Robert, Juan)
All-Time Favorite Movies: Clint Eastwood movies, *The Good, The Bad, And The Ugly, Hang 'Em High*
All-Time Favorite TV Shows: *Gilligan's Island, The Brady Bunch* ("When I was growing up, I watched them a lot")

Early Boxing Memory: "When I was 10, Sugar Ray Leonard, Howard Davis, Leo Randolph, and those guys were boxing in the Olympics. That really got me into boxing. I had already been involved for almost a year, off and on. The Olympics was an inspiration and encouragement."
All-Time Favorite Fights: Douglas-Tyson, Pryor-Arguello, Pintor-Zarate
Favorite Boxers To Watch Today: Julio Cesar Chavez, Evander Holyfield
Hobbies & Interests: Going to the movies, time with family, playing basketball

Family: Wife, Virna; daughter, Alyssa Joy
First Car: '87 silver Subaru
First Job: Boxing

Favorite Food: Fried chicken
Favorite Cereal: Total, Frosted Flakes
Favorite Ice Cream Flavor: Chocolate
Prefight Meal: Fish, iced tea

Last Halloween Costume: A clown
Greatest Sports Moment: "When I won the title." (KO 15 Kelvin Seabrooks in July 1988)
Most Treasured Possession: "Don't have one."
Favorite Vacation Spot: Paris ("It's kind of a different environment. I've been there once. I'd like to go again.")
Favorite Non-Boxing Sport to Watch: Football, basketball. To play: Basketball, flag football

Childhood Ambition: "I wanted to be a teacher and a cop."
People I Admire Most: "People that have Masters and/or Doctorate degrees. I know it's not easy. It's a lot of work. I really admire those individuals."
Best Book I've Read: "One-Minute Manager"
Interesting Fact: "I've never had a fight in my life besides boxing. Never."
U.S. President Most Respected: "Every single one of them."
Little-known Fact: Had perfect attendance in school
Future Ambition: "To go back to school and get a degree in business." ■

Ringside Reports

FIGHTER OF THE MONTH

Henry Maske

It wasn't as if German southpaw Maske hadn't earned his try at IBF light heavyweight champion Prince Charles Williams. After all, the unbeaten challenger had topped a slew of recognizable names, including Sean Mannion, Yawe Davis, Tom Collins, Leslie Stewart, and Mike Peak. But the Prince was, well, *royalty,* and as the longest-reigning world champion in boxing, he was heavily favored to keep the crown. But Maske befuddled him in almost every round and pulled off one of the year's biggest upsets.

We suppose that some observers will now question the quality of Williams' reign. The harshest among them will dismiss him as just another champion. But watch a tape of the fight and you'll probably decide that instead of debating Williams' worth, we should be focusing on the new champion, and how good he might turn out to be.

Henry Maske W 12 Prince Charles Williams

Dusseldorf, Germany—If the Prince wants to excuse himself for losing the IBF light heavyweight title, he can point to the fact that he had been inactive for 17 months. Or that he lacked the confidence to throw his oft-broken left hand. Or that he initially scaled 176¼ and had trouble making weight. Or that he was fighting on the road, before a sellout crowd of 7,000 at Philipshalle.

One thing he can't complain about is a hometown decision. Maske, 174, Treunbrietzen, Germany, clearly outboxed Williams, 174¼, Mansfield, Ohio, befuddling him from his southpaw stance with jabs and straight lefts. Maske, a gold medalist at the 1988 Olympics, started quickly, survived a brief Williams rally in the sixth, seventh, and eighth rounds, and finished with a kick. The scoring was unanimous. Robert Exton (USA) saw it 115-111, Marcel Roulor (Belgium) 118-110, and Heinrich Muhmert (Germany) 116-111.

Williams, 33-5-2 (23), was making his ninth defense, but boxing's longest-reigning champion hadn't fought since stopping Freddie Delgado in October 1991. One month after that defense, he broke his left hand, and in May '92, he refractured it. His rust showed; he started quickly, jabbing with authority and threatening the challenger with his big right hand. (Maske suffered minor early-rounds cuts around both eyes.) But he slowed by the second round, and Maske, 20-0 (9), took over.

Williams, a 5-1 favorite, became so frustrated that in the sixth he turned southpaw. That didn't work, nor did his attempt at a miracle last-round rally. The 24-year-old Maske controlled the tempo with his combination punching and blatant but effective holding. By the end, his confidence was greater than it had been at any other point, and the declaration of a new champion was a mere formality.

"I wasn't prepared mentally," Williams told *The Ring*. "After the layoff and the hand, the weight was just another thing to play on my mind."

Promoter: Cedric Kushner

(3-20-93)

Julio Cesar Chavez KO 3 Silvio Rojas

Zapotan, Mexico—So what if this non-title bout was little more than a glorified exhibition? If Larry Holmes and Oscar De La Hoya can pick their patsies, why not Chavez? His fans certainly didn't mind watching their idol live. That opportunity made this event real enough.

WBC super lightweight champion Chavez toyed with Rojas, 13-5 (8), for the first two rounds, then went to work to cement his 86th consecutive win and fourth straight kayo. At the start, Chavez worked the body and allowed the Argentine to land insignificant punches to the head. The champion's corner told him to end it in the third, so Chavez stepped up his attack to the liver. A combination, capped by a right to the face, sent Rojas down. He pondered rising, even as his corner told him not to. The referee tolled 10 at the 2:05 mark.

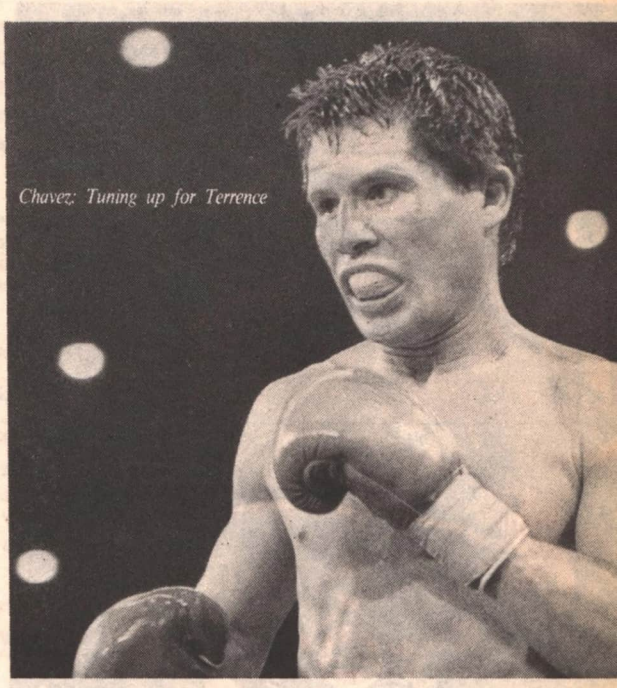
The workout helped prepare Chavez for his May 8 defense against veteran Terrence Alli. Chavez, however, is looking well past the challenger.

"After that fight," he said, " 'Bolillo' Gonzalez is saying that he wants to fight me. I'm ready to give him the opportunity on July 10 in Las Vegas. I'm going to ask Don King to make the fight."

Chavez, 86-0 (71), plans to meet WBC welterweight champion Pernell Whitaker on September 9. As for WBC super welterweight champion Terry Norris, the Mexican said, "He'll have to wait until 1994."

(4-10-93)

Bruce Williams



Chavez: Tuning up for Terrence

Yuri Arbachakov KO 9 Muangchai Kittikasem

Lopburi, Thailand—Fighting for the first time outside of Tokyo, Japan-based Russian Arbachakov, 112, retained the WBC flyweight title for the first time by impressively crushing local favorite and former two-division champion Kittikasem, 111½.

The notorious Thai climate didn't seem to affect the champion, whose vaunted right hand was the difference. Respectful of Arbachakov's power, Kittikasem kept his distance for the first four rounds and boxed well enough to build a lead. Arbachakov didn't break through until the closing seconds of the seventh, when a vicious right sent the challenger sprawling. Kittikasem was saved by the bell, though it was later established that the gong had sounded at the 2:31 mark of the round.

There was nothing to save Kittikasem in the ninth. Arbachakov, 15-0 (13), again powered in with big rights, and, after Kittikasem, 21-3 (13), fell for the third time in the round, referee Richard Steele (USA) called a halt 1:44 into the round.

After eight rounds, Arbachakov led on all three cards. Sid Rubinstein (USA) had it 77-75, Ray Solis (Mexico) 76-75, and Allan Moore (Australia) 78-75.

(3-20-93)

Joe Koizumi

Jung Il Byun W 12 Victor Rabanales

Kyongju, South Korea—Last seen staging a sit-in ring protest after losing a decision at the 1988 Olympic Games in Seoul, South Korean left-hander Byun, 118, won the WBC bantamweight title by unanimously outpointing veteran Mexican champion Rabanales, 117, at the Hyundai Hotel. Scores: Cindy Bartin (USA) 117-112, Vince Delgado (USA) 115-113, and Kazumasa Kuwata (Japan) 117-111. The referee was Lou Filippo (USA).

Having had only eight pro fights, Byun wasn't expected to test Rabanales. But the southpaw boxed brilliantly in sweeping the first six rounds. Whenever Rabanales would approach with wide leads, the challenger neatly countered. Rabanales, 34-11-2 (19), desperately rallied in the seventh, but Byun, 9-0 (4), simply backtracked and slipped the blows. He regained control in the eighth and ninth, stunning the Mexican with a pair of straight lefts, and when he survived a big Rabanales right in the 10th, his last scare passed.

The 25-year-old Byun had entered the top 10 by defeating a trio of world-rated 118-pounders: Ramon Marchan, William Ramos, and Rey Paciones. The 30-year-old Rabanales, who became interim champion in March 1992, and then unified the crown six months later, had made four successful defenses.

Promoter: Hwarang Promotions
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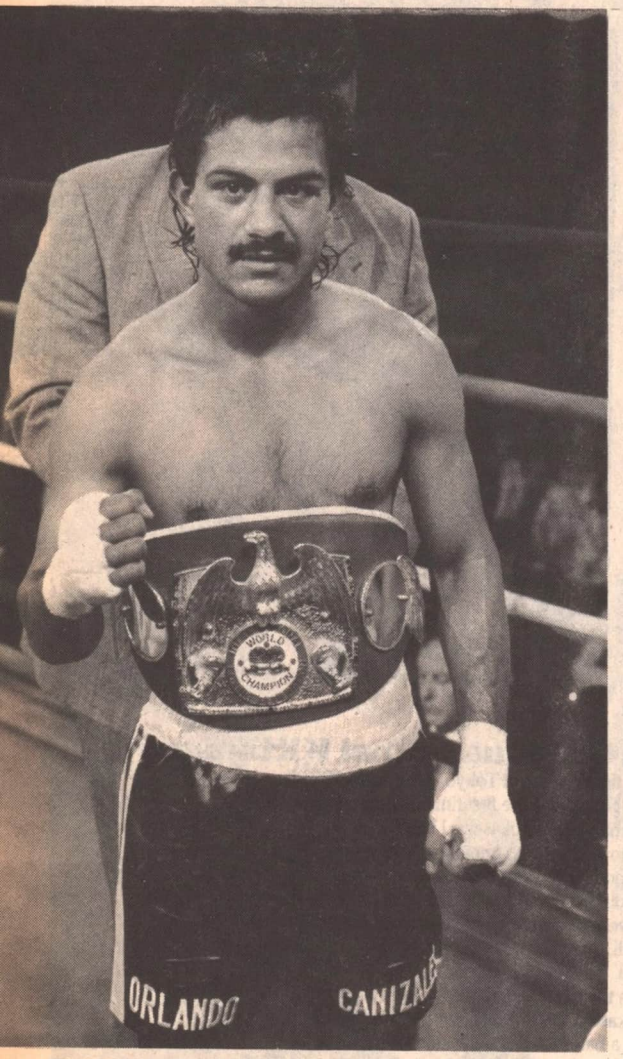

Canizales broke Bones' jawbone

Orlando Canizales KO 11 Bones Adams

Evian, France—At the age of 18, Clarence Adams seemed far too green to tackle a dominant fighter like IBF bantamweight champion Canizales. But at the Casino, he proved his pluck, if not his potential, by extending the titlist in a most competitive contest.

Canizales, 118, Laredo, Texas, made his 11th defense despite having suffered torn rib cartilage while sparring only two weeks before the fight.

"I told him, 'You make the call on whether you want to fight or not,' " said Bob Spagnola, Canizales' manager. "He said he wanted to fight. The kid's a helluva little competitor."

Early in the fight, Adams, 118, Mt. Carmel, Illinois, encountered his own physical problem. In round three, during which Canizales came close to stopping the challenger, Bones suffered a broken jaw. He gallantly fought on, but the injury eventually resulted in the stoppage.

Canizales, 34-1-1 (26), controlled the first four rounds. Adams, 26-1-1 (15), rallied in the middle stanzas, scoring with combinations and hooks to the body. By the end of the eighth, Canizales was showing a cut on the left side of his temple and a swollen right cheekbone. He rebounded in the ninth and 10th, however, pressing forward all the way.

The end came in the 11th, after Canizales landed a big hook to the jaw. At that point, Adams' father tossed a towel into the ring as a sign of surrender.

After 10 rounds, Canizales led by 96-94 on all three cards. The judges were Armand Krief (France), Ernest Greene (USA), and Ronnie Ralston (USA). The referee was Robert Palmer (USA).

Spagnola said he'd like Canizales to fight in the middle of June, which would allow for six weeks of healing, followed by six weeks of training. He added that his fighter is now seeking big-money fights through a unification of the title. But with the relatively unknown Jung Il Byun (WBC) and Eliecer Julio (WBA) as fellow champions, Team Canizales isn't likely to find the money he's looking for. At this point, New York's Junior Jones is both his most dangerous and marketable opponent.
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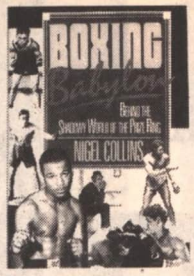

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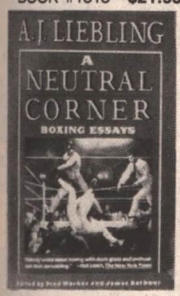

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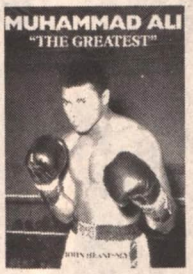

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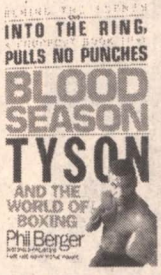

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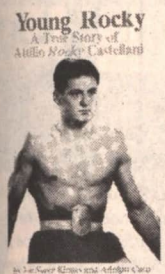

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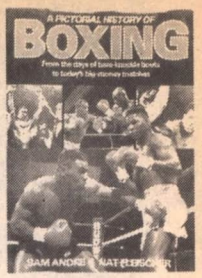

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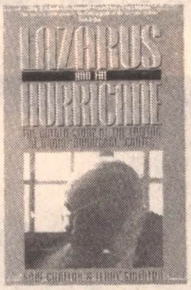

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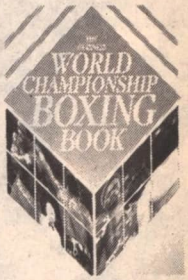

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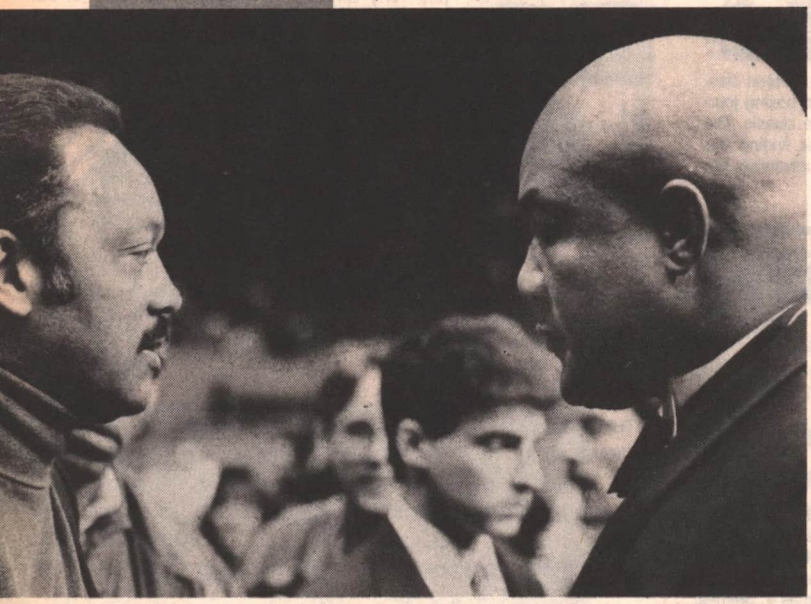
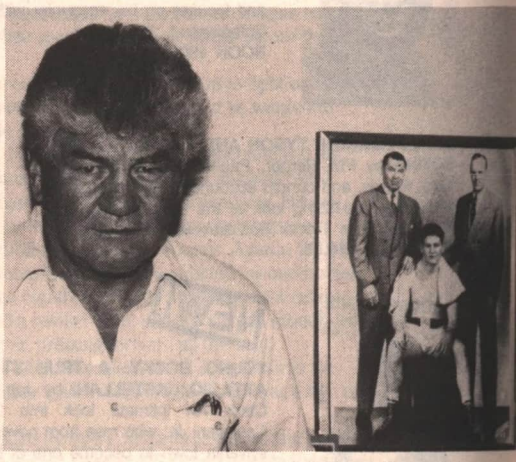


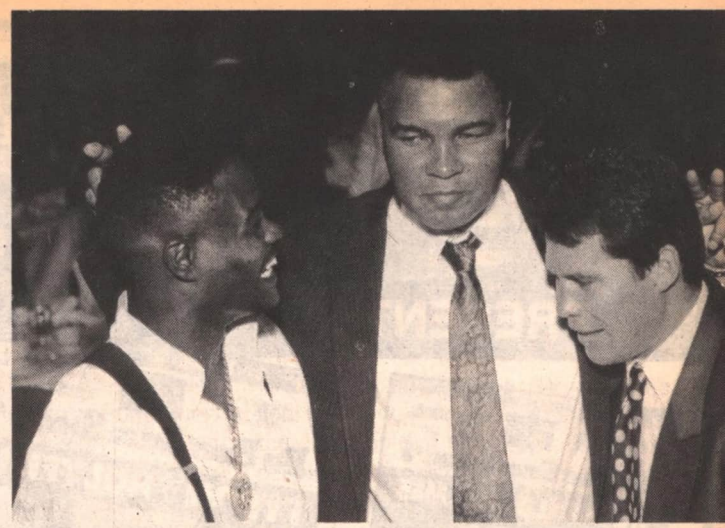
During a card at the Blue Horizon, Ed Derian was the world's best-dressed ring maintenance man.

Top: At Madison Square Garden, heavyweights Rev. Jesse Jackson and George Foreman share a moment. Above: Big George makes a new friend. But he'll never make it as a jockey.

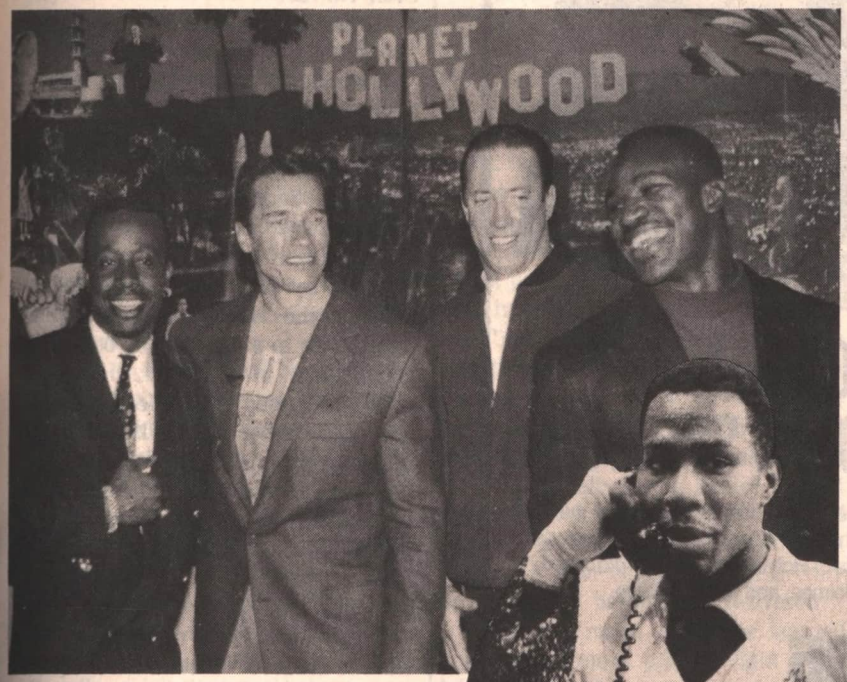


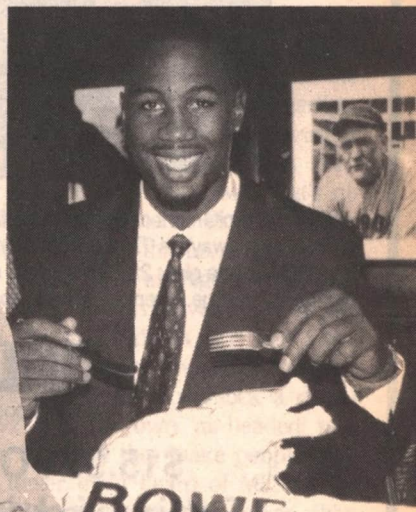
Left: Former heavyweight contender Roy Harris remains the favorite son in Cut 'N' Shoot, Texas. Above: Another ex-contender, Rex Layne, shows off his favorite photo, in which he posed with his manager, Marv Jensen, and Jack Dempsey. (Photos by Teresa Dusgate.)

At the WBA awards dinner in Atlantic City: Commissioner Larry Hazzard, middleweight Bernard Hopkins, and promoters Hammer and Butch Lewis.

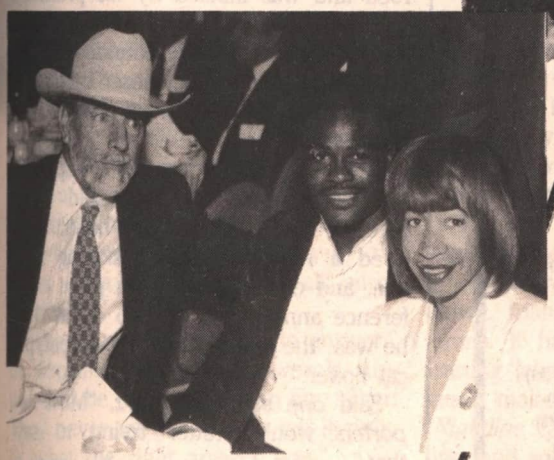


Above: "The Greatest" jokes with two of today's greatest, world champions Terry Norris and Julio Cesar Chavez. Left: Spotted at Planet Hollywood in New York City (from left), Hammer, Arnold Schwarzenegger, quarterback Jim Kelly, and Evander Holyfield.





Left: After posting a victory at The Paramount, middleweight contender Lamar Parks call home. Above: In case you didn't already know what Lennox Lewis thought about rival Riddick Bowe.



At a WBC awards ceremony in the Big Apple: WBC super welterweight champion Terry Norris with wife Kelly and manager Joe Sayatovich.

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Bobby Czyz

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you thought that was the WBC's job.

On a Wednesday morning in April, Czyz is sitting in the living room of his New Jersey townhouse, wincing as he tries to find a comfortable position. His back, a source of sporadic problems in a 13-year career, has been troubling him ever since he was hit by a car in March, an accident that forced postponement of his title defense against the formidable mandatory contender, Orlin Norris.

"Takes a real Einstein," Czyz says, "to get hit by a car."

The champion provides the bruising details, explaining that he had been talking, and not paying attention, while walking backward down a friend's driveway. Suddenly a car pulled into the driveway, its driver unable to see Czyz because a huge mound of snow, piled up by plows and shoveling, was blocking the view. The fighter leaped into the air to avoid impact, but the car caught him in the back. He flipped over and landed on his head and wrist.

If some other fighter landed on his noggin, we'd make jokes about his getting some sense knocked into him. In Czyz' case, we yoke about his egghead getting cracked, until he reminds us, "I always get hit in the head. That didn't bother me at all."

Czyz' head, or, more accurately, what is inside of it, has been a topic of fascination ever since he turned pro in 1980 and was labeled by his promoters, the Duvas, as "white, bright, and polite." That may have sounded like a commercial for a tile cleanser that contained no harsh abrasives, but it got headlines.

Czyz posed for photos in a cap and gown, explained how he could have entered med school if he hadn't suffered a reaction from a boxing bug bite, and declared during a press conference announcing his pro debut that he was "the antithesis of the stereotypical boxer."

Said one scribe to Czyz, "Most *reporters* would stutter trying to say that."

Czyz' cerebral tale of the tape was pretty impressive. Class rank: sixth out of 335 graduates at Lakeland Regional High School in Wanaque, New Jersey. SAT score: 1180 on his one and only

try, during his junior year. Academic scholarship offers: numerous. Academic Awards: appointment to West Point, named outstanding Lakeland sophomore in 1978.

Much of Czyz' motivation to study was his father, Robert, whose fanatical disciplinary tactics have been documented as much as his sons' pair of world championships.

"When I was in high school, I didn't let anything come between me and boxing," Czyz relates, "except for my grades. My father would literally beat me if I didn't get the grades. Mostly, I got straight A's. I got four A's and two B's once and caught a minor beating and was punished for a week."

Czyz the intellect and Czyz the fighter are inseparable. And if journalists ever forget that, even for a second, he is more than happy to remind them.

"I've never lost a prefight or postfight press conference," he proudly proclaims. "Do you remember any?

"Before I fought Virgil Hill," Czyz relates with a smile, "[Hill's trainer] Eddie Futch stood up and said to all the reporters, 'If Bobby Czyz can fight as well as he speaks, we're in for a terrible night.' "

The idea to explore MENSA, Czyz says, came from one of his publicists, Gary Stromberg. The process was a tedious one that began when Czyz had to obtain IQ tests from his grammar school and high school, then take a preliminary MENSA test. The prelim put him in the top four percent of the population and made him eligible for one chance to take the formal MENSA exam.

"I really didn't know what to expect," Czyz confesses, "and there's a certain amount of nervous anxiety in taking a test that can label you separated from the rest of society."

The test questions could have made anyone quite nervous. For example, Czyz was shown pictures of a windmill, a clock, a train, and a paddle wheel, and asked which item didn't belong with the others. Czyz' answer: the train, because the others all move clockwise.

"There are a lot of ways to answer," he explains, "but one answer is supposed to be more right than any other. They never tell you if you got it right, or what the right answer was."

Another example: The pictures are of a boot, a foot, a car, and a music note. What doesn't belong?

"I said the foot," Czyz explains, "because it's the only thing that's organic."

Listening to Czyz, one can't help but recall the amount of times fighters have been asked their phone number and haven't known it. Or weren't aware of how to spell their children's names. Once, a former junior middleweight champion didn't even know the name of the town he was living in at the time. When the results of the formal test came back, Czyz was told that his IQ is between 132 and 137, and he had been accepted into MENSA.

The fighter's adoption by such elite company raises a few interesting questions. While he doesn't regret choosing prize fighting for a career, does Czyz feel that he has perhaps wasted the potential of his mind for a career involving his body?

He pauses. "Every doctor I've ever had said I should have been a lawyer because I have the gift of gab and I love to argue," he says. "I never felt I wasted my brain, but I may have missed out on something in the growth process people have in college. Socially, I grew up okay without college. Intellectually, though, I have a bit of a lack of book knowledge. College would have helped me with that."

In boxing, it is understood that a "smart" fighter is a guy who doesn't slug with a slugger, or someone who moves to his left, and away from a left hooker. Does having an IQ as high as Czyz' really help during battle? Or is it better to have the smarts of a Wilfred Benitez, that instinctive ring intelligence that tells a man when a punch is coming an instant before it is delivered?

Within the ropes, Czyz has learned to relax, be more patient, fight more defensively, and accept the fact that he can't be the guy on the attack for all three minutes of every round. But his fighting intelligently in recent years is more the result of maturity than a reflection of his natural smarts.

"When you're measuring IQ," Czyz says, "you're not measuring ability to slip a punch."

The real benefit of being intelligent, explains the man who can remember phone numbers without writing them down, manifests itself away from the arena. It has helped him land broadcasting jobs with NBC and Showtime, and makes him the first person *Nightline* calls when the topic is boxing, and someone who can speak well is needed to represent the rank and file. Where Czyz' brain is most beneficial, however, is in the boardroom, where, as his own manager (he is advised by Arnie Rosenthal), he understands things like percentages of the gross and pay-per-view buy rates.

"I aggravate promoters because I know when I'm being lied to," he says. "Trying not to sell my soul to the devil, I've been able to help myself a lot when we're making fights. But I have also alienated people and caused stress in my life. Ignorance *is* bliss, and I could have made things a lot easier on myself if I just fell in line like they wanted."

Czyz has never fallen into anyone's line, but now, at least on paper, he's at the head of that short line of boxing people who really *are* brainy, a small group trying valiantly to lift the sport's cumulative grade point average.

ABC analyst Alex Wallau is pretty smart, but for every smart Alex there are a dozen smart alecks Wallau is forced to interview. You want brains? Ferdie Pacheco is a doctor. And if he had a dime for every time a fighter referred to him as "Freddie," he'd be . . . well, as rich as ever, but with noisier pockets. Bob Yalen, ABC's boxing consultant, has a degree in nuclear engineering, but there aren't too many degrees of any kind in boxing, except on those days when Emanuel Steward has a sadistic gleam in his eye and the Kronk Gym thermostat at his fingertips.

As for the fighters, well, Bonecrusher Smith is a college graduate. Vinny Pazienza can use his noodle, and that's no ethnic slur. And one of Czyz' rivals on the cruiserweight throne, IBF king Al Cole, is extremely intelligent. (Cole estimated that he was traveling 95 m.p.h. when he wrecked his car one time. Remember, Einstein would sometimes get confused trying to unlock a door.)

Czyz has his own air-headed moments, the kind that make people who have never even heard of MENSA, or those who have an IQ lower than Anaclet Wamba's win total, break into a smile. Czyz' wife, Kim, enjoys reminding him of the times that he'll open the refrigerator to get something on his way out of the house, leave his car keys on the shelf next to the milk and juice, and then wander around looking for them.

Czyz has his jacket on now, and he is already late for an engagement in Brooklyn. As he's heading to the door, he is asked if he would trade his intelligence for the opportunity to step into the ring in possession of Sugar Ray Leonard's speed or Mike Tyson's power.

"Give up my intelligence . . . ?"

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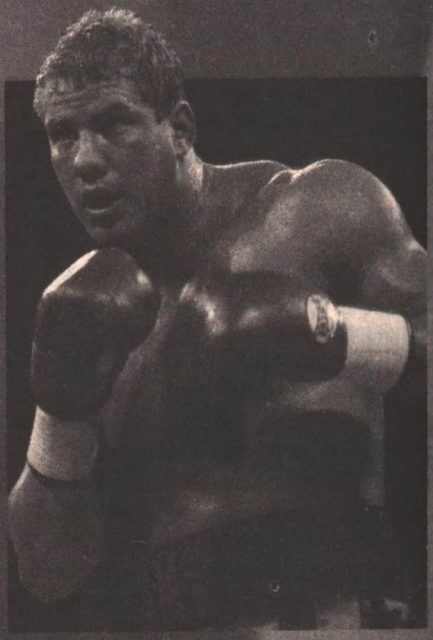

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He ponders the possibility for a moment.

"When I come out of the ring," he says, "could I have it back?"

There are plenty of morons in boxing, but, thanks to Bobby Czyz, one less *oxy*moron. In the hallowed halls of MENSA, the words "boxing's intelligensia" have been welcomed in with open arms. ■

New Faces

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ately blasted Montenegro into dreamland.

"The guy obviously didn't want to be there," Linton explained, "so I put him out of his misery."

The road has been bumpier since then. Linton's worst moment as a pro came in December against New York's Julio Flores. The southpaw had Flores dazed in the bout's first minute, but failed to follow up. As the round ended, Flores landed a right that dropped Linton flat on his face. Linton wobbled up as he was cursing himself and survived the handful of seconds to the bell. Flores stayed on him after that, but Linton avoided further trouble. By the third round he was rejuvenated, and from that point forward he picked Flores apart to earn a split decision win.

Linton is now taking his last steps before a world title shot. There will be a few 10-round fights, then final preparations with a recognized contender. But don't try to sell any schedules to his camp.

Team Linton is very satisfied at this point, and Curry, fresh from his own fistic experiences, is an authority on right and wrong career moves.

"We're not sure about any timetable," he said. "We find some things out as we go along and devise our strategy from there. The last thing we're going to do is rush into a mistake."

Having trained both Linton and Curry, Reyes is often asked about similarities.

"Linton is always well-conditioned, and he follows orders well," he said. "His combinations are right on the money. Of course it's way too early to compare them, but Donald was a beautiful fighter, and Emmett certainly looks like he has those skills."

Linton has quite a way to go, of course, before he comes close to matching his mentor's achievements. Whatever happens, he is a commendable young man who has avoided the pitfalls of the trade and managed to keep an even head about him. His values seem in order; Linton has recently been wearing a large button on his robe with a photograph of his infant son, Jerrell Ellis Linton.

"There's nothing more important than him, and I want to make sure he always knows that," says the proud papa.

Ask Linton about his boxing future and he has the same positive attitude.

"They say it's not about fighting for a title but winning a title," he said. "For me, it's about winning a title and then defending it in a way that speaks for itself."

High goals indeed, but so far the mission has been going just about perfectly. ■

Top-10 Punchers

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9. Julio Cesar Chavez (86-0 with 71 kayos): We're aware that "J.C. Superstar" scores most of his kayos by wearing down his opponents. But it's not like the junior welterweight champion lacks occasional one-punch power. His hook is devastating (he finished Angel Hernandez with a single body blow), and his straight right is as strong in the 12th round (vs. Meldrick Taylor) as the first round (vs. Greg Haugen).

10. Yuri Arbachakov (15-0 with 13 kayos): Perhaps a pair of kayo wins over two-division champion Muangchai Kittikasem shouldn't qualify this Russian-born WBC flyweight titlist for the top 10. After all, Kittikasem's chin has been known to fail him during the referee's instructions. But Arbachakov can also claim the rugged Rolando Bohol (KO 2). His right hand is terrific. How about a bombs-away defense against Chiquita Gonzalez? ■

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Carmen Basilio

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name," the Trooper said. "Well, this little punk—he was a punk then, but a tough one—would take on anybody. He was usually quiet, but if trouble started, he had to have his piece of it. Maybe if you were good—and you were big—you could take him. But you would have to bring sandwiches, because taking him would take you all day!"

As it turned out, the poolroom boys around Canastota, New York, had nothing to be ashamed of. For 14 years, that small kid from the muck farms made professional fighters wish they had brought plasma. The package was small—5'6", and it ranged anywhere from 142 to 153 pounds. But inside that package was concentrated fortitude.

No man who has the discipline to sacrifice himself to the training that professional boxing demands, and who can climb into a ring to face an opponent head-on, lacks courage. It just comes in smaller and larger doses. And some men don't need as much courage to sustain them as do others. Ray Robinson, certainly a courageous man, was also a great fighter. He could call on unused talent when the going got rough. Carmen Basilio, who was *not* a great fighter, had to call on something other than talent. But when he called, that something was there. It flowed into his arms and his legs and his heart. It was the mortar that held together the bricks the muck farms had fashioned.

There are times when winning can carry a man along. He is swept by the momentum of good fortune. But there are other times when a man needs to reach inside himself for help; a time when a man is losing and nothing is going right; a time when a man has to clench his teeth.

For Carmen Basilio, such a time came at Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, on February 4, 1952. He was 24 years old and beginning his fifth year of professional boxing. After a lot of early successes, his tide had ebbed. Basilio had lost five of his previous eight fights. He was in pain. Bursitis was lodged in his left shoulder, and his fingers felt the stiffening of arthritis, perhaps a memento from the muck farms. He had wanted to quit the ring. He even announced he had quit, but he couldn't. There was a wife to support, but there was also the inner man to support. Basilio, in pain or not, had to prove a point to himself.

That night Carmen defeated Emmett Norris, a welterweight, and after the fight he flexed his arm and admitted that it still hurt, "but maybe not as much. Let's try again," he told Joe Netro, his manager.

So Carmen tried again two weeks later, and again a month after that. What had seemed a losing battle had become a joyous one. Two fights with Chuck Davey brought him into the homes of the nation via television. The public loved the image. Here was an alley cat who didn't stay beaten, who dug in and gave more than even he knew he could give.

The test of Carmen's guts came on September 8, 1953, in Syracuse. He was to fight Kid Gavilan for the world welterweight championship. Gavilan was the sleek cutie, the kid with the high white shoes and the long bolo wallop. Carmen was just the kid who dug in. And Carmen sure did dig in. He floored the Cuban—only the second time Gavilan had been decked in 113 fights. And Carmen took his bolo punch and a lot more. There were bumps on bumps pocking his tortured face, but he came back, and came back again. At the end Gavilan was a panicky champion, panicky until a split decision allowed him to retain the title.

Ralph DeJohn, who co-managed Basilio with Netro, counseled Carmen after the fight and said, "We'll get him next time." "You're damned right we will," said Carmen. But next time never came. Gavilan, with enough of Basilio to last him the rest of his life, chose to fight Johnny Bratton, and then Johnny Saxton, instead of Carmen. It was the time for more teeth-clenching.

Saxton won the title from Gavilan on a Philadelphia decision and then lost it to Boston's Tony DeMarco. While the title was playing musical chairs, Carmen sat on the sidelines—until June 10, 1955.

That was the night, in Syracuse, when Carmen got his second shot at the welterweight title. DeMarco, a turned-around left-hander like Basilio, could cut swaths with his hook. It was ballyhooed as the hardest punch in the division. But since Carmen had the hardest jaw in the division, it seemed like an even fight.

Both men started slugging at the opening bell. DeMarco's hook tore into Carmen's rib cage and seemed to double him up. But it just looked that way. Basilio didn't double up. Instead he lashed back with his own hooks that bloodied Tony's nose. But the real trial came in the next round. That's when DeMarco bashed his left into Carmen's mouth with all his might. Carmen wavered. For a moment he thought all his front teeth had been broken. Then he called on that thing inside of him, and it kept him going—all the way to a 12-round TKO, when Tony couldn't lift his arms any more.

It hadn't been an easy fight for Carmen—he never had an easy fight. He came out of it with the title and with a new array of bumps, bruises, and scars, a collection he would add to generously over the next six years.

His second title fight with DeMarco wasn't easy, either. DeMarco, cut and battered in the first five rounds, rallied in the next five.

"The pace was faster than I thought it was going to be," Carmen said. "It was faster than in our first fight. He was hurting me, but I always knew I was going to get him. When he got too rough I covered up, and once I really ran."

Carmen wasn't saying that he ran because he was frightened. He had a reason. In the second round he had hurt his left hand. This was his Sunday punch, the hand he had to count on if he was going to turn back the determined DeMarco. When Carmen used his left he had to loop it; he couldn't stand the pain that would come from the impact of a straight punch.

Basilio was staggered in the seventh, and he had to hold on in the eighth, when DeMarco used a two-fisted attack that almost cut the champion down. But Carmen didn't go down. He was hurt and weary, but somehow he weathered the storm. Near the end of the 10th, Tony's attack slowed. He had become arm-weary. Carmen sent the message deep inside him, and he went to work with muscles that kept shrieking they couldn't do another thing. And in the 12th, the left hand that was burning hot with pain landed on DeMarco's chin and stretched the challenger on his face.

After the fight, DeMarco's handlers alibied that Tony had just run out of gas. It was more than that. Tony had run into Carmen's secret weapon: guts.

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There were many times in the career of Carmen Basilio when he had to summon that secret weapon from inside him—even if he wasn't in a fight. Like the night they took away his title in Chicago.

It was Saxton again, the fighter who was managed by Blinky Palermo. Saxton was gaining a corner on bad decisions when the title was at stake—bad decisions in *his* favor. In Chicago, Carmen glazed Johnny's eyes, wobbled his knees, and bulled him all over the ring. There were a few Saxton flareups, but never enough to bother Carmen, and never enough to swipe his championship. But the officials saw Saxton as the unanimous winner.

Basilio might have gotten some consolation from the crowd. They booed the verdict and littered the ring with rubble, but it didn't change the decision.

"They stole my title," Carmen swore after the fight. "That referee [Frank Gilmer] sure gave me the worst of it. I'll never fight here again. Now I have to start all over."

Carmen didn't have to start all over. He had to wait six months for another shot at Saxton, and at the title he had learned to hold so comfortably. This time the arena was in Cleveland, and Carmen was magnificent. This was the kid from the muck farms who had the tough guy reputation in Canastota and in the U.S. Marine Corps. And that's how he fought.

Carmen needed only five minutes and 42 seconds to win back the title. Two left hooks did all the damage. In the first round Carmen whipped over a right, and then followed with a crunching left hook. Saxton's legs quivered. His eyes were glassy, and they looked as if they would pop out of his head. In the second round, Basilio connected with another left hook, and Saxton, who had been knocked down only three times in 61 fights (twice by Basilio), went down. At the end of the count of 10, Saxton tried feebly to regain his feet, but it was too late.

Carmen was champion again, and good challengers were few among the welterweights. So if you have the kind of insides Basilio has, what do you do? You look up. You look for middleweights. That's what Carmen did. And he picked the top man, Sugar Ray Robinson.

Carmen won. But he had to send the message again. This time the message had to reach down into the last nerves of his spidery body. But they

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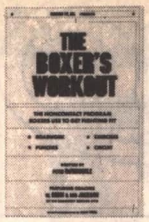

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Carmen Basilio

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were there, and they answered when he called.

It was a fight of styles. Sugar Ray, taller and with the longer reach, peppered Carmen's head. Carmen's forte was to hammer the body, and he did it relentlessly. He was breaking Ray up, and then, because Robinson is the great fighter he always is, Carmen was broken up.

In round 12, Sugar caught Carmen hesitating a fraction of a second and crashed a right flush on Basilio's chin. A hook followed, and then another right and a left. A shiver went through Basilio's body. His knees sagged, his mouth flew open, and he reeled against the ropes. Ray followed with another hook and two right hands to the head that seemed as if they would split the Canastota farmer wide open. Then the bell rang.

Carmen's second, Angelo Dundee, did a remarkable job of resuscitating his man. Basilio seemed to win the 13th round until another left hook near the bell almost knocked him out. There had to be a 14th round and a 15th round to come, and Carmen needed the adrenaline he keeps in great store. He got it. And he got the decision, too. The kid spawned in the muck of Central New York was now the middleweight champion of the world.

How many more times did Basilio have to call for that last ounce of fortitude over the rest of his career? Almost every fight was life and death. And you can't win them all, either—even if your fortitude pump is working overtime. Carmen lost the title back to Robinson, was stopped by Gene Fullmer twice, and lost a decision to Paul Pender. But the pump still was working. What wasn't working was the youth that perpetual motion fighters need. That supply was running low.

But just recently, Carmen, looking frail and wearing horn-rimmed glasses that he needs now, thought about fighting again. He was being kidded about being unable to quit. Carmen agreed. "Get the money up," he said.

The little man with the knobs and scars that he will wear for the rest of his life doesn't shrink at the thought of fighting again or of getting hurt again. He always took for granted that he would get hurt in a fight, "but it never scared me," he says. "That's what fighting's all about. If you're going to give it out, you've got to take it, too."

It's what the kids back at the poolroom called guts, or others call fortitude, or what Joe Netro once described as desire.

"Carmen had something I never saw in anybody else," Netro said. "He had retaliation and desire. Robinson had him hurt, but Robinson never expected him to come back the way he did—to retaliate. That was Carmen's secret."

Joe, the kids back in Canastota knew it a long time ago. ■

Rafael Ruelas

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Rafael and Gabe were left largely on their own.

"Our sister, Vicky, and another of our sisters who was living there were in charge of us, but they both worked," said Ruelas. "Worked for pretty low wages—one in a sewing factory, the other at a hospital. So it was up to us. We were pretty much on our own. I started school here in the fourth grade, and Gabe [who is 10 months older] started in the sixth grade. Should have been fifth grade, but they put him in sixth."

By the age of 11, the brothers had gone into business.

"There was a flyer on a tree outside the school," said Ruelas. "It said, 'Jobs For Kids. Earn $75 and up a week . . . after school.' I called up. It was a company called Rothchild Candy, which hired kids to sell peanut brittle, Danish butter cookies, peanut butter cups, and saltwater taffy. Gabe and I sold them for $3 a box and kept 60 cents for our commission, 70 cents after you sold a certain number, and bonuses if you sold more than anybody else.

"At first I was really shy. I didn't speak that good. For a little while I wasn't selling a lot. What I did, though, was eventually go door to door with guys that were good salesmen, and I learned from them. By the time I was 12, going on 13, I was making $300 to $400 a week. I did it by going from business to business rather than house to house."

It was while Gabe was making his

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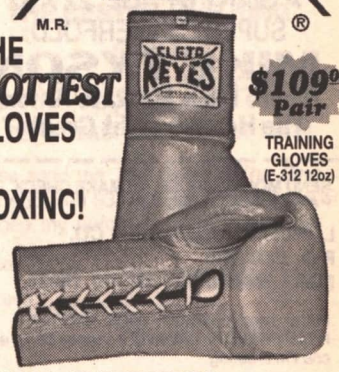

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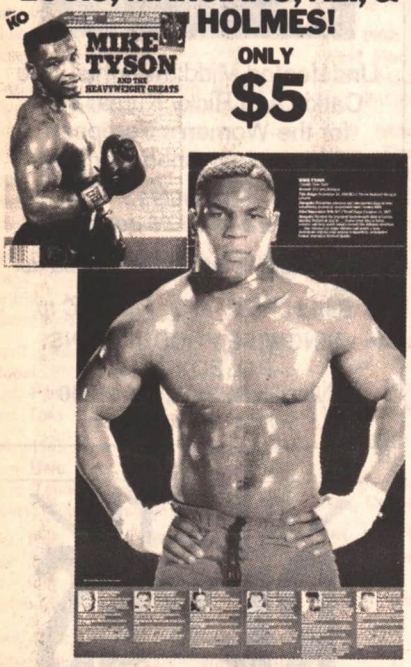

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Rafael Ruelas

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sales rounds that he stumbled upon the Ten Goose Boxing Gym in Van Nuys, where an older brother of theirs, Juan, had trained under former New York Mets catcher Greg Goossen. Pretty soon, Gabe was a regular in the gym.

"Juan," said Rafael, "had tried to interest us in boxing when we first came to the U.S. He'd take us to parks and try to teach us. But to tell you the truth, it wasn't very good. Gabe and I would swing wild at each other and end up with headaches."

This time around, it was different. Under trainer Joe Goossen, Gabe quickly learned some of the nuances of the manly art and, when he would execute them before the mirror at home, Rafael would watch and think, *Why not me?*

"What pushed me into boxing," said Ruelas, "was that my sisters and brothers thought I couldn't do it. 'You're too skinny,' they said. Well, I didn't like hearing that. So I showed up one day at Ten Goose. Gabe had been training there for about three weeks. He introduced me to Joe Goossen, who took one look at me and threw me in to spar with Gabe without showing me anything. Because he was my brother, I thought Gabe would take it easy. But he wanted to try what he had learned, and he banged me around pretty good. Afterward, I was exhausted. My head was vibrating. I was dazed. I was leaning over the ropes and my brother was telling me to relax. But I could barely get my breath."

In those early days of Ten Goose—before the rise of stars like Frankie Duarte and Michael Nunn—manager Dan Goossen had his eye on the bottom line.

"I told Joe I didn't want amateurs, just pros," said Dan. "The Ruelas kids were around 12 years old. It's hard to become excited about 12-year-olds unless they're your kids. You know, 'Isn't that cute. They've got bloody noses.'

"But Joe liked what he saw. Joe thought the kids were naturals. So he stayed with them, and from time to time would tell me they had what it takes to be great professionals. It's a credit to Joe how they turned out. He built the Ruelas boys from scratch, and took individual styles that were very different—Gabe is more a boxer, very good with head and shoulder movement, and able to avoid a lot of punches—and let them be what they were meant to be."

While an amateur, Rafael continued going to school, at North Hollywood High School, he got A's and B's, and worked in a law office to earn the $1,500 he needed to buy himself a white Honda Civic. After compiling a record of 50-5, he turned pro at the age of 17, in January 1989. Within two years he had won 23 consecutive fights.

In March 1991, he fought for the NABF featherweight title against former world champion Cruz in a nationally televised fight from Las Vegas.

"People were saying I was too young to fight him," said Ruelas. "He'd been in with the greats. Beat Barry McGuigan for the title. The feeling was he was too strong, too experienced. I think one of the things that got Cruz was that he couldn't rattle me. In the days before the bout, he'd see me and laugh, 'I'm fighting this kid?' Big joke, right? Then he'd show up at a news conference and hear me speak and see how confident I was. And I think that worried him."

Ruelas knocked down Cruz four times in scoring a third-round knockout and demolishing the notion that he was not ready for the big time.

By July 1991, when he was matched against Mauro Gutierrez, Ruelas appeared to be on the fast track to a title shot.

"I had heard of this guy," said Ruelas, "but I didn't worry much about him. I was in shape and ready. Come the fight, I almost dropped him in the first round. He didn't go down, but I busted his lip. And while he hit me with a pretty good left hook that round, I told myself that it was because my hands were not where they were supposed to be. So I adjusted.

"The second round, I was being more dominating. I was walking him down. Then I started to throw the right, and he hit me on the side of the jaw with a left. I felt it, but recovered instantly. But rather than pulling back and boxing, I told myself, 'I'm fine,' and I kept going after him. I threw a left, he threw a left. Mine missed, his didn't. He caught me on the point of the jaw and I went down to one knee. I was looking at Joe Goossen, telling him I'm okay. Joe signaled that I should relax and take my time."

On replay, it appeared that Ruelas paid more heed to Goossen than to

referee Chuck Hassett, and he blew the count, getting to his feet an instant after the official reached 10. A mental mistake, it seemed, on the order of Chris Webber's timeout call in the final seconds of the NCAA basketball title game against North Carolina this past April.

"The ref was a little to my right, rather than in front of me the way they're supposed to be," said Ruelas. "So I was looking at Joe. It wasn't that the ref was not saying the count loud enough. But it was, like, subconsciously he was in a faraway place."

Whatever.

"That loss," said manager Dan Goossen, "was the key fight of Rafael's career. All of us come to realize that at any point of our lives anything is possible. In the ring or in life. Take nothing for granted. If you've got a man hurt, as Rafael did with Gutierrez, you've got to stay on him. But you also have to be alert. What that fight did was give Rafael mental strength."

(A year later, in July 1992, Ruelas avenged his only loss, winning a 10-round decision over Gutierrez.)

The match against Paez last November was to establish just how legitimate Ruelas was. Paez, a former world champion, had been in against some very prime talent—Pernell Whitaker, Troy Dorsey, Louis Espinoza, Calvin Grove.

"I guess he felt I wasn't in their class," said Ruelas. "Because at the press conference before the fight, he made it clear he didn't think much of me. He said he'd come out throwing punches. I told him, 'I hope you do. It'll make it a short fight.' Well, first round I caught him with a right uppercut and knocked him down. He looked shocked. Same round I hit him with a left hook, saw it dazed him, and dropped him with a left uppercut. After that, it was constant punishment until they stopped it in the 10th."

The victory over Paez was Ruelas' most lucrative: He said he earned a $50,000 purse that night. But for Ruelas, now living in Sylmar, California, in a five-bedroom home he shares with his parents and three siblings ("my father and I bought it together"), the big money comes with the title—an opportunity that so far has proven elusive.

As of this writing, WBC champion Miguel Angel Gonzales was scheduled to fight another Ten Goose lightweight, Hector Lopez. IBF champion Freddie Pendleton? He's scheduled to fight—that's right—Paez.

"But that's okay," said Goossen, "Rafael will get his title shot and be able to stand behind his words."

Just as long as he stands before the referee's 10-count. ■

Phil Berger, a freelance writer, formerly covered boxing for The New York Times.

Fifth Street Gym

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Gym.

With the heavyweight champion of the world in residence, Dundee's gym quickly became the center of the boxing world. At one point it got so crowded with spectators that the Dundees began charging admission.

"It was only 50 cents, and we gave it to charity," says Angelo. "Muhammad would invite all the kids up from camp. We had to do something to keep the crowds down, otherwise the floor would have collapsed."

Among those who managed to get in were the Beatles, who stopped by to have a photo taken with Ali stepping on them.

"Someone famous was always showing up," says Angelo.

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In the '70s, when Ali stopped traveling to Miami to train, and Chris Dundee's local shows became less frequent, the fortunes of the gym began to turn. The neighborhood, once a thriving tourist area, became rundown and seamy. Finding it difficult to continue maintaining the place, Chris sold the gym in 1982 to local promoter Felix "Tuto" Zabala. Angelo soon left because the gym was located too far from his home.

Shortly after buying the gym, Zabala sold it to Roosevelt Ivory, a real estate investor and former amateur boxer whose brother Willie had worked as a sparring partner for Ali.

"It was the highlight of my life to come to the gym and see my brother train with Ali," Ivory says.

Ivory brought in new equipment and attempted to keep the gym going. He hired Beau Jack, who had trained him as a child, to run the place and restore some luster. But in recent years, Ivory had to rent the gym to fashion photog-

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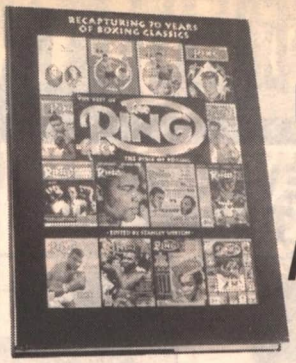

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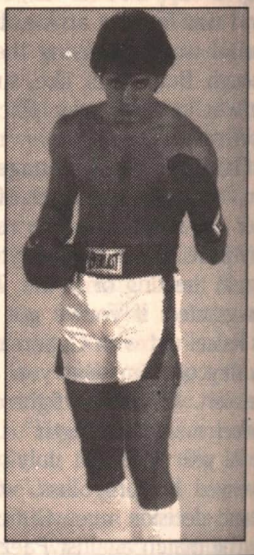

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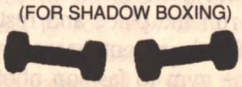

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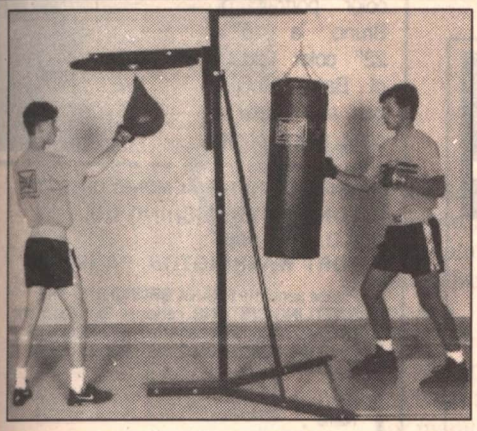

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raphers who had rediscovered the South Beach area. Ironically, as the neighborhood made a comeback, there was no place for one of its most famous landmarks.

"Where there used to be desolation, now all you see are German models on skateboards," says Pacheco. "The gym was out of place."

There had been talk of turning the Fifth Street Gym into some kind of boxing shrine/restaurant. But in the end the city declared the structure unsafe, and the owners decided it would be more profitable to level the building and do something else with the now-valuable property.

On March 11, Roosevelt Ivory's Fifth Street Gym closed its doors for the last time. Ivory plans to open a gym nearby under the same name, but everyone knows it won't be the same.

Beau Jack, who underwent surgery for stomach cancer last year, says he will be there when it does open. The man who so much enjoyed having fans stop into the old gym to say they remembered him has nothing else to do.

"It's sad," says Angelo Dundee. "So many fond, warm memories. I could be walking up Fifth Street coming to the gym in the morning and hear the rhythm of the speed bag and tell from that who was inside training. That was the music of the gym." ■

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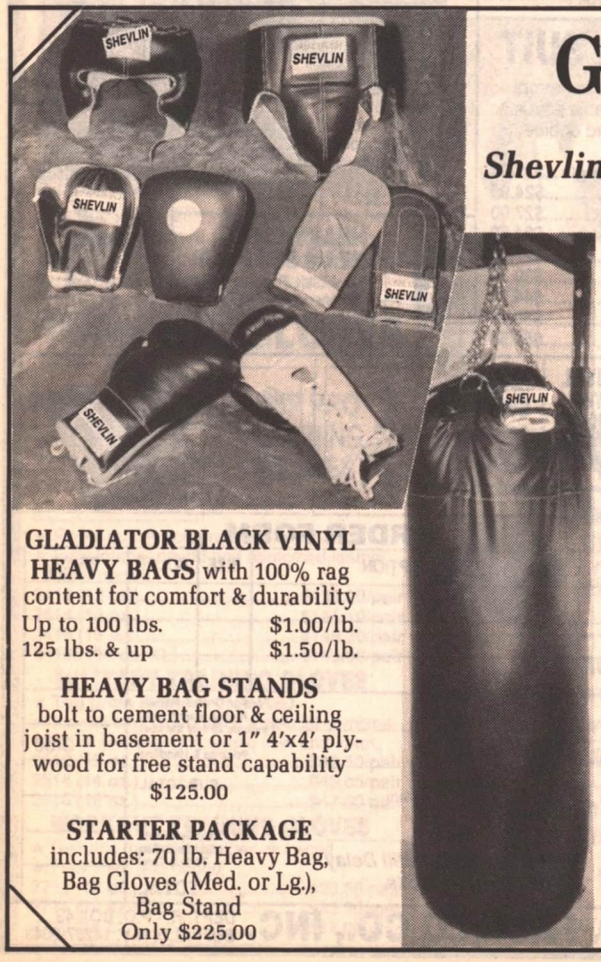

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Boxing Collector's Notebook

By Don Scott

What's the one item more boxing collectors desire more than any other? If you said posters, programs, autographs, magazines, books, or cards, you're wrong. There is one item that almost every collector I know has at least a small pile of. And the bigger the overall collection, the bigger the pile. What collectors have, and others are looking for, are photos.

True, almost any unsigned photo from the last 30 years can be bought for $5 or less. But if you are looking for that one special fight photo, or you want an original press photo from the 1940s or before, you are going to pay a lot more.

For many years, *The Ring* sold photos at reasonable prices and was a good source of fight pictures. Now you have to haunt flea markets or negotiate with the dealers who specialize in boxing memorabilia.

Here are some of the most sought-after items:

From about 1920 until about 1935, news services distributed their press photos by mail or courier. These can be found with the press service stamped on the back and/or with a small paper tag with the caption glued to the reverse. These are hard to find but, depending on the subject, will usually sell from $5-$25. After 1935, most press photos were sent by wire, and the caption is part of the photo itself. These wire photos are less valuable.

Before there were news agencies, a lot of great boxing photographs were taken. These vintage photos are hard to find, and even more difficult to authenticate. (Copying photos is not difficult.) But the years from 1910 to 1915 produced some awesome pictures, including a series of magnificent photos and photo postcards of the famed Johnson-Jeffries fight. (I've been told that fight film collector extraordinaire Bill Cayton has the original glass negatives.)

Pre-1900 photos are highly prized, of course. Many were made in various sizes by photographers who mass-produced photos of celebrities of the day. These pictures came glued to a cardboard photographer's card. The most popular size was the cabinet photo, which was glued to a card about four inches by four inches. (In the 1880s and '90s, this was a common way to have your own picture mounted, so your great aunt Tilly may be forever immortalized in such fashion as well.) Cabinet photos of boxers are priced from about $35-$200, depending on the subject, condition, and rarity. Right now the most sought-after cabinets are of the rarely photographed Bob Fitzsimmons.

There are lots of other kinds of photos that you may want to know about, including promotional photos and oversized photos (not to mention panoramic photos!), but space won't permit an exhaustive look. Just remember, photos can be remade, so don't pay too much. Just buy photos you enjoy looking at.

Counterpunch: Some veteran collectors have pointed out that the estimates listed in this column in the April issue for some old *The Ring* magazines were a bit high. This needs some explanation. If you just want to buy random copies of *The Ring* at flea markets and garage sales, you can get them for $2-$5 for issues going as far back as the 1970s. What is very hard to find is a particular issue you are looking for, or an issue in excellent condition. I'm not trying to promote the back issues *The Ring* sells, but for many collectors, when you get to pick and choose and can buy by mail, it is worth the extra bucks.

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Worldwide Ratings

WBC as of February

WBA as of January

IBF as of March

HEAVYWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Lennox Lewis (GB)	C	-	-
Riddick Bowe (USA)	-	C	C
Tony Tucker (USA)	1	1	2
Evander Holyfield (USA)	2	3	3
George Foreman (USA)	3	4	1
Razor Ruddock (CAN)	4	11	-
Alex Stewart (JAM)	5	7	9
Alex Garcia (USA)	6	5	8
Tommy Morrison (USA)	7	6	6
Michael Moorer (USA)	8	2	4
Tony Tubbs (USA)	9	-	-
Frank Bruno (GB)	10	10	5
Herbie Hide (GB)	-	8	-
Oliver McCall (USA)	12	9	7
Mike Hunter (USA)	16	-	10

CRUISERWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Anaclet Wamba (FRA)	C	-	-
Bobby Czyz (USA)	-	C	-
Alfred Cole (USA)	-	-	C
Akim Tafer (FRA)	1	2	7
Nate Miller (USA)	2	5	3
Marcelo Figueroa (ARG)	3	3	6
Robert Daniels (USA)	4	9	-
Massimiliano Duran (ITA)	5	12	-
Jeff Lampkin (USA)	6	-	-
Arthur Williams (USA)	7	4	4
Richard Mason (USA)	8	10	-
Norbert Ekassi (CAM)	9	6	8
Derek Angol (GB)	10	-	-
Orlin Norris (USA)	-	1	1
James Warring (USA)	12	7	5
Kenny Keene (USA)	14	8	-
Uriah Grant (USA)	-	-	2
Jade Scott (USA)	13	-	9
Frans Botha (SA)	17	11	10

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Jeff Harding (AUSTRL)	C	-	-
Virgil Hill (USA)	-	C	-
Charles Williams (USA)	-	-	C
Frank Tate (USA)	1	3	4
Randall Yonker (USA)	2	8	-
Crawford Ashley (GB)	3	5	-
Anthony Hembrick (USA)	4	-	3
Guy Waters (AUSTRL)	5	-	-
Mike McCallum (JAM)	6	-	-
David Vedder (USA)	7	-	-
Wan Sub Lee (KOR)	8	4	-
Eric Nicoletta (FRA)	9	7	6
Andrew Maynard (USA)	10	-	-
Fabrice Tiozzo (FRA)	-	1	11
Henry Maske (GER)	-	2	2
Victor Cordoba (PAN)	-	6	-
Yawe Davis (ITA)	12	9	-
Isaias Lucero (MEX)	23	10	-
Tim Hillie (USA)	-	11	1
Iran Barkley (USA)	-	-	5
Egerton Marcus (CAN)	-	12	7
Darjusz Michalczawski (POL)	18	-	8
Adolpho Washington (USA)	-	-	9
Ernie Magdaleno (USA)	13	-	10

SUPER MIDDLEWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Nigel Benn (GB)	C	-	-
Michael Nunn (USA)	-	C	-
James Toney (USA)	-	-	C
Henry Wharton (GB)	1	7	7
Frank Nicotra (FRA)	2	1	3
Tim Littles (USA)	3	2	2
Darrin Van Horn (USA)	4	5	1
Mauro Galvano (ITA)	5	12	-
Frank Liles (USA)	6	3	8
Tony Thornton (USA)	7	-	4
Thulani Malinga (SA)	8	-	-
Victor Cordoba (PAN)	9	-	-
James Cook (GB)	10	10	-
Vincenzo Nardiello (ITA)	14	4	-
Iran Barkley (USA)	-	6	-
Fidel Castro Smith (GB)	11	8	-
Merqui Sosa (DR)	20	9	10
Steve Little (USA)	18	-	5
Jean Tsidjo (FRA)	-	-	6
Mwehu Beya (ITA)	15	-	9

MIDDLEWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Julian Jackson (VI)	C	-	-
Reggie Johnson (USA)	-	C	-
Sumbu Kalambay (ITA)	1	1	5
Roy Jones (USA)	2	2	2
Lamar Parks (USA)	3	4	3
Thomas Tate (USA)	4	-	7
Bernard Hopkins (USA)	5	3	1
Steve Collins (USA)	6	6	-
Frederic Seillier (FRA)	7	-	-
Otis Grant (CAN)	8	11	-
Francesco Dell'Aquila (ITA)	9	10	-
Frank Grant (GB)	10	-	10
Joe Gatti (USA)	11	5	11
Jorge Castro (ARG)	-	7	-
Mike McCallum (JAM)	-	8	6
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Vinny Pazienza (USA)	-	-	4
Gilbert Baptist (USA)	15	-	8
Brett Lally (USA)	14	-	9

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Terry Norris (USA)	C	-	-
Julio Cesar Vasquez (ARG)	-	C	-
Gianfranco Rosi (ITA)	-	-	C
Simon Brown (USA)	1	5	-
Aaron Davis (USA)	2	1	7
Laurent Boudouani (FRA)	3	4	8
Troy Waters (AUSTRL)	4	-	5
Felix Trinidad (PR)	5	-	-
Carl Daniels (USA)	6	6	2
Yung Kil Chung (KOR)	7	3	-
Andy Till (GB)	8	-	11
Stephen Martinez (USA)	9	-	-
Vincent Pettway (USA)	10	9	1
Vinny Pazienza (USA)	11	2	-
Curtis Summit (USA)	-	7	-
Vernon Phillips (USA)	-	8	-
Francisco Castillejo (SPA)	-	10	-
Gilbert Dele (FRA)	13	12	3
Jean-Claude Fontana (FRA)	17	-	4
Lloyd Honeyghan (GB)	19	-	6
Jorge Castro (ARG)	-	-	9
Julio Green (USA)	-	-	10

WELTERWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Pernell Whitaker (USA)	C	-	-
Crisanto Espana (VEN)	-	C	-
Maurice Blocker (USA)	-	-	C
Santos Cardona (PR)	1	-	-
Yori Boy Campas (MEX)	2	1	2
Buddy McGirt (USA)	3	-	-
Ike Quartey (GHA)	4	6	8
Vernon Phillips (USA)	5	-	-
Genaro Leon (MEX)	6	9	-
Jong Oh Park (KOR)	7	2	-
Gary Jacobs (GB)	8	5	10
Meldrick Taylor (USA)	9	4	6
Larry Barnes (USA)	10	-	5
Kevin Pompey (USA)	11	3	3
Moises Rivera (PR)	-	7	-
Luis Garcia (VEN)	20	8	1
Rodolfo Aguilar (PAN)	-	10	-
Stephan Johnson (USA)	13	-	4
Felix Trinidad (PR)	-	-	7
Angel Hernandez (SPA)	-	-	9

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Julio Cesar Chavez (MEX)	C	-	-
Juan Coggi (ARG)	-	C	-
Pernell Whitaker (USA)	-	-	C
Terrence Alli (USA)	1	1	1
Frankie Randall (USA)	2	3	-
Hector Camacho (PR)	3	-	-
Charles Murray (USA)	4	-	2
Greg Haugen (USA)	5	-	-
Andy Holligan (GB)	6	12	5
Valery Kayumba (ZAI)	7	2	11

Hector Lopez (USA)	8	8	-
Kostya Tszyu (CIS)	9	-	8
Pedro Sanchez (DR)	10	-	-
Loreto Garza (USA)	22	4	-
Morris East (PHIL)	-	5	12
Akinobu Hiranaka (JAP)	19	6	-
Alberto Cortes (ARG)	-	7	-
Vince Phillips (USA)	15	9	6
Joe Rivera (PR)	-	10	-
Rodney Moore (USA)	12	-	3
Rafael Pineda (COL)	16	-	4
William Ruiz (COL)	-	-	7
Angel Hernandez (PR)	11	11	9
Pedro Padilla (COL)	-	-	10

LIGHTWEIGHT	**WBC**	**WBA**	**IBF**
Miguel Gonzalez (MEX)	C	-	-
Tony Lopez (USA)	-	C	-
Fred Pendleton (USA)	-	-	C
Rafael Ruelas (USA)	1	5	1
Sharmba Mitchell (USA)	2	3	6
Leavander Johnson (USA)	3	-	-
Darryll Tyson (USA)	4	10	-
Jean Mendy (FRA)	5	6	5
Nazarov Olzubek (CIS)	6	1	11
Wilfrido Rocha (COL)	7	-	-
Chad Broussard (USA)	8	11	-
Miguel Julio (COL)	9	8	2
David Sample (USA)	10	-	-
Dingaan Thobela (SA)	12	2	9
Joey Gamache (USA)	13	4	10
Fabian Tejeda (ARG)	19	7	-
Jorge Paez (MEX)	14	9	7
Eduardo Molina (COL)	26	-	3
Tracy Spann (USA)	17	-	4
Sergei Artemiev (CIS)	-	12	8

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHT	**WBC**	**WBA**	**IBF**
Azumah Nelson (GHA)	C	-	-
Genaro Hernandez (USA)	-	C	-
John-John Molina (PR)	-	-	C
Regilio Tuur (HOLL)	1	12	8
Gabe Ruelas (USA)	2	4	5
Jeff Fenech (AUSTRL)	3	-	-
Calvin Grove (USA)	4	-	4
Bernard Taylor (USA)	5	-	1
Renato Cornett (AUSTRL)	6	6	9
Victor Hugo Paz (ARG)	7	8	-
Jimmy Garcia (COL)	8	-	-
Jacobin Yoma (FRA)	9	-	-
Tiger Ari (PHIL)	10	11	12
Harold Warren (USA)	-	1	-
Jesus Gutierrez (PAN)	30	2	-
Marcos Guevara (VEN)	24	3	-
Yuji Watanabe (JAP)	-	5	-
Narciso Valenzuela (MEX)	22	7	-
Wilson Rodriguez (DR)	25	9	2
John Brown (USA)	17	10	-
Orlando Marimon (COL)	14	-	3
Frankie Avelar (USA)	11	-	6
November Ntshingila (SA)	-	-	7
Coco Ramirez (MEX)	-	-	10

FEATHERWEIGHT	**WBC**	**WBA**	**IBF**
Paul Hodkinson (GB)	C	-	-
Yung Kyun Park (KOR)	-	C	-
Manuel Medina (MEX)	-	-	C
Kevin Kelley (USA)	1	1	2
Goyo Vargas (MEX)	2	-	-
James Leija (USA)	3	6	4
Jose Ramos (DR)	4	-	-
Miguel Arrozal (PHIL)	5	-	-
Tony Green (USA)	6	-	5
Ever Beleno (COL)	7	4	10
Seiji Asakawa (JAP)	8	7	-
Luisito Espinosa (PHIL)	9	3	8
Colin McMillan (GB)	10	-	-
Eloy Rojas (VEN)	-	2	-
Orlando Soto (PAN)	-	5	3
Giovanni Nieves (VEN)	-	8	-
Thanomjit Kiatkriengkrai (THAI)	-	9	-
Tae Sik Chun (KOR)	23	10	-
Tom Johnson (USA)	-	-	1
Baby Rojas (COL)	-	-	6
Maurizio Stecca (ITA)	12	-	7
Moises Pedroza (COL)	-	-	9

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHT	**WBC**	**WBA**	**IBF**
Tracy Patterson (USA)	C	-	-
Wilfredo Vasquez (PR)	-	C	-
Kennedy McKinney (USA)	-	-	C
Daniel Zaragoza (MEX)	1	-	-
Jesus Salud (USA)	2	7	1
Julio Gervacio (DR)	3	-	4
Rudy Zavala (USA)	4	11	7
Cesar Soto (MEX)	5	-	6
Jae Won Choi (KOR)	6	2	-
Jose Garcia (DR)	7	-	-
Welcome Ncita (SA)	8	8	3
Jesse Benavides (USA)	9	-	-
Yuichi Kasai (JAP)	10	4	-
Luis Mendoza (COL)	12	1	8
Hiroaki Yokota (JAP)	14	3	-
Ramon Guzman (VEN)	28	5	-
Antonio Cermeno (VEN)	23	6	-
Thierry Jacob (FRA)	-	9	-
Arnullo Romero (PAN)	26	10	-
Richard Duran (USA)	-	-	2
Jose Rincones (VEN)	-	-	5
Nurhuda (INDO)	29	-	9
Raul Perez (MEX)	-	-	10

BANTAMWEIGHT	**WBC**	**WBA**	**IBF**
Victor Rabanales (MEX)	C	-	-
Eliecer Julio (COL)	-	C	-
Orlando Canizales (USA)	-	-	C
Junior Jones (USA)	1	1	1
Joichiro Tatsuyoshi (JAP)	2	10	12
Chang Kyun Oh (KOR)	3	-	-
Daorung Chuvatana (THAI)	4	2	-
Yasuei Yakushiji (JAP)	5	4	-
Eddie Cook (USA)	6	3	7
Jung Il Byun (KOR)	7	-	-
Yong Hoon Lee (KOR)	8	5	-
Jesus Sarabia (USA)	9	11	-
Ricardo Vargas (MEX)	10	-	-
Abraham Torres (VEN)	-	6	5
Nana Konadu (GHA)	-	7	-
Alfred Kotey (GHA)	-	8	-
Israel Contreras (VEN)	-	9	-
Clarence Adams (USA)	-	-	2
Juvenal Berrio (COL)	-	-	3
Harold Mestre (COL)	27	-	4
Junai Ramayana (INDO)	-	-	6
Luis Rolon (PR)	-	-	8
Gerardo Martinez (USA)	-	-	9
Javier Leon (MEX)	15	-	10

JUNIOR BANTAMWEIGHT	**WBC**	**WBA**	**IBF**
Sung Kil Moon (KOR)	C	-	-
Katsuya Onizuka (JAP)	-	C	-
Julio Borboa (MEX)	-	-	C
Greg Richardson (USA)	1	-	-
Thalerngsak Sithbaobay (THAI)	2	1	-
Carlos Salazar (ARG)	3	-	-
Armando Salazar (MEX)	4	-	-
Jose Luis Bueno (MEX)	5	-	7
Josefino Suarez (MEX)	6	7	3
Nana Konadu (GHA)	7	-	-
Marco Barrera (MEX)	8	-	-
Bernardo Mendoza (CHILE)	9	-	-
Cecilio Espino (MEX)	10	-	-
Kotaro Hayashi (JAP)	21	2	12
Hyun Chul Lee (KOR)	18	3	-
Joel Luna (MEX)	-	4	1
Armando Castro (MEX)	17	5	-
Jung Il Byun (KOR)	-	6	-
David Marchan (VEN)	-	8	-
Ernie Cataluna (PHIL)	-	9	-
Carlos Mercado (COL)	11	10	2
Robert Quiroga (USA)	23	-	4
Vincenzo Belcastro (ITA)	-	-	5
Little Guns Pumar (PHIL)	-	-	6
Yun Un Chin (KOR)	-	-	8
Lamhot Simamora (INDO)	30	11	9
Ole Kiatwonway (THAI)	-	-	10

FLYWEIGHT	**WBC**	**WBA**	**IBF**
Yuri Arbachakov (CIS)	C	-	-
David Griman (VEN)	-	C	-
Phichit Sithbangprachan (THAI)	-	-	C
Isaias Zamudio (USA)	1	-	1
Alberto Jimenez (MEX)	2	-	-
Seung Koo Lee (KOR)	3	6	-
Al Kotey (GHA)	4	-	-
Hugo Soto (ARG)	5	-	-
Yun Un Chin (KOR)	6	-	-
Muangchai Kittikasem (THAI)	7	-	-
Jesus Zuniga (COL)	8	-	-
Francisco Tejedor (COL)	9	-	-
Scotty Olson (CAN)	10	-	3
Alvaro Mercado (COL)	11	1	8
Hiroki Ioka (JAP)	12	2	-
Evangelio Perez (PAN)	-	3	-
Aquiles Guzman (VEN)	-	4	-
Yong Kang Kim (KOR)	-	5	-
Hisashi Tokushima (JAP)	17	7	-
Jose Luis Zepeda (MEX)	-	8	2
San S. Pleonchit (THAI)	-	9	4
Robbie Regan (GB)	13	10	11
Rodolfo Blanco (COL)	18	-	5
Harold Grey (COL)	-	-	6
Antonio Perez (MEX)	-	-	7
Dave McAuley (IRE)	-	-	9
Tongchai Kittikasem (THAI)	-	-	10

LIGHT FLYWEIGHT	**WBC**	**WBA**	**IBF**
Michael Carbajal (USA)	C	-	-
Myung Woo Yuh (KOR)	-	C	-
Michael Carbajal (USA)	-	-	C
Humberto Gonzalez (MEX)	1	-	-
Nam Hoon Cha (KOR)	2	4	-
Javier Varguez (MEX)	3	-	8
Jesus Chong (MEX)	4	7	-
Melchor Cob Castro (MEX)	5	11	9
Kwang Sun Kim (KOR)	6	6	-
Shiro Yahiro (JAP)	7	3	7
Domingo Sosa (DR)	8	-	-
Raul Rios (MEX)	9	8	-
Juan A. Torres (PAN)	10	1	1
Leo Gamez (VEN)	22	2	-
Virgilio Chifundo (PAN)	17	5	-
Yong Jin Kim (KOR)	28	9	-
Rafael Torres (DR)	-	10	-
Phalan Lukmingkwan (THAI)	-	-	2
Leon Salazar (PAN)	14	-	3
Azadin Anhar (INDO)	-	-	4
Jesus Zuniga (COL)	-	-	5
Robinson Cuesta (PAN)	-	-	6
Pronchai Sitpapom (THAI)	-	-	10

STRAWWEIGHT	**WBC**	**WBA**	**IBF**
Ricardo Lopez (MEX)	C	-	-
Chana Porpaoin (THAI)	-	C	-
Ratanapol Vorapin (THAI)	-	-	C
Ala Villamor (PHIL)	1	3	1
Jose Luis Zepeda (MEX)	2	-	-
Hideyuki Ohashi (JAP)	3	4	-
Rocky Lim (JAP)	4	10	-
Kermin Guardia (COL)	5	5	-
Hi Yong Choi (KOR)	6	2	-
Andy Tabanas (PHIL)	7	6	12
Saman Sor Jaturong (THAI)	8	8	-
Phalan Lukmingkwan (THAI)	9	7	-
Yuichi Hosono (JAP)	10	-	-
Carlos Murillo (PAN)	-	1	2
Jin Ho Kim (KOR)	18	9	-
Toto Pongswang (THAI)	-	-	3
Felix Naranjo (COL)	-	-	4
Manny Melchor (PHIL)	-	11	5
Alejandro Montiel (MEX)	-	-	6
Carlos Rodriguez (VEN)	16	-	7
Alfredo Xeque (MEX)	-	-	8
Marcelino Bolivar (VEN)	17	-	9
Nico Thomas (INDO)	-	-	10

RING CLASSIC

ALEXIS ARGUELLO PRONOUNCED AR-GWAY-YO, SPELLED CHAMPION

From The Ring, August 1980

By Christopher Coates

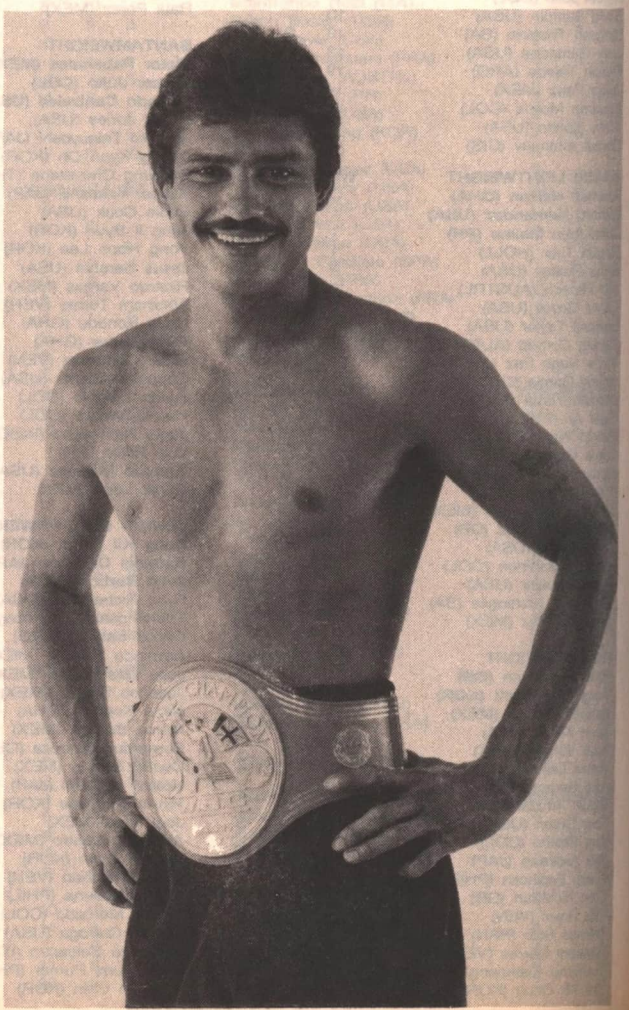
One has to go back to the summer of 1938 for the last time a fighter succeeded in capturing three world titles. That was when Henry Armstrong, often called "Hammerin' Hank," licked Lou Ambers for the lightweight title. This bit of boxing trivia is worth recalling because only two other men ever held three separate world titles—Bob Fitzsimmons, between 1891 and 1905, and Tony Canzoneri, between 1928 and 1936—though only Armstrong held his three simultaneously. Now comes Alexis Arguello (pronounced Ar-Gway-Yo), determined to seek his third world championship. No easy matter. In recent memory, such fine champions as Jose Napoles, Carlos Zarate, and Bob Foster failed attempting to move up just one division, and, even Sugar Ray Robinson failed in his attempt to add a third crown to his long list of achievements when he stepped up to the light heavyweights.

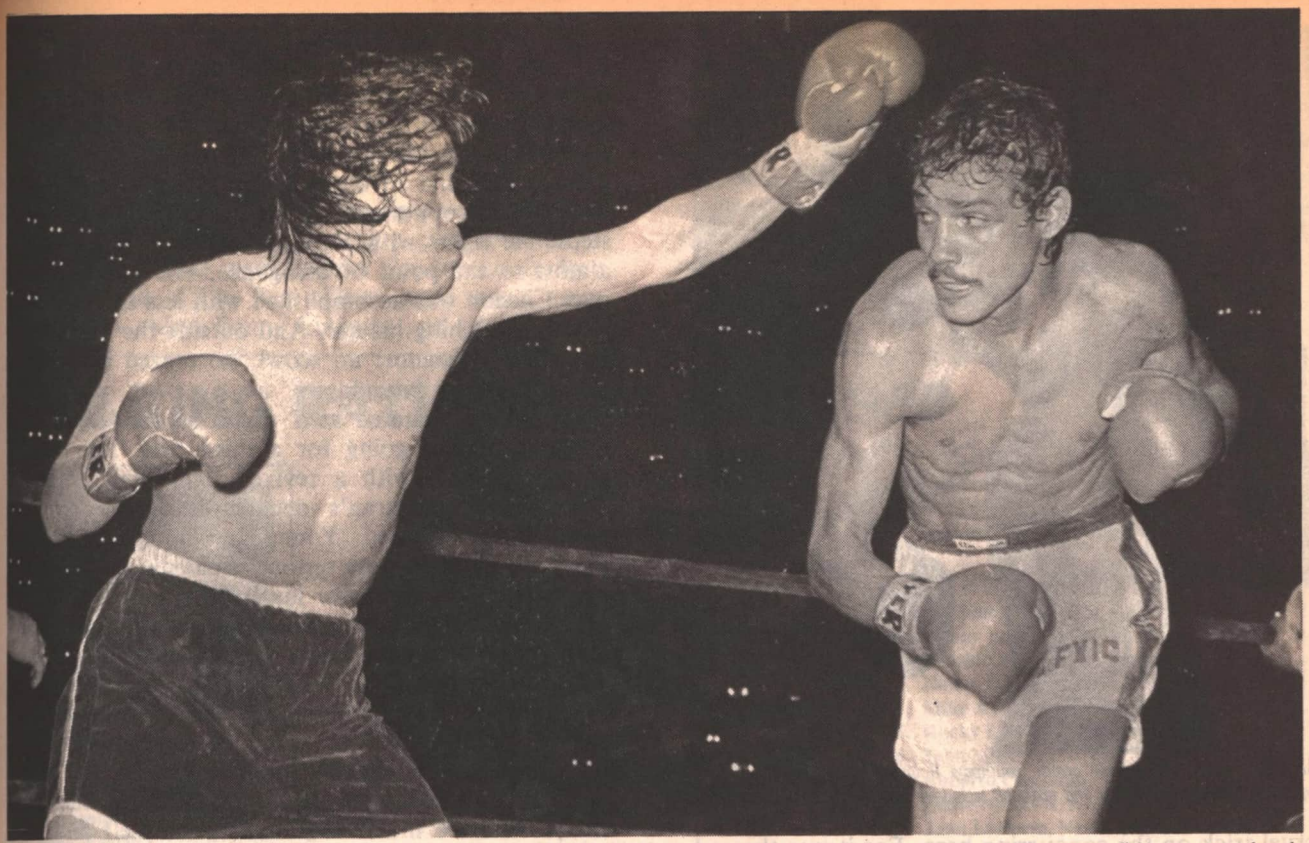
Presently the WBC super featherweight champion, and formerly the WBA featherweight titleholder, Arguello, long bothered by weight problems, has been considering a move into the lightweight ranks for almost two years.

"I cannot stay at 130 pounds, it is too difficult for me to make. My manager wants to arrange for me to fight for the title," he said following his victory over Gerald Hayes.

It would seem as if someone with his tremendous drawing power would have no problem securing a lightweight title match. Not so, says Arguello.

"They don't want to fight me," he claims. "Everybody knows that Alexis Arguello is a very good fighter, and they all want to stay away from me. I did not want to give up my title unless I was guaranteed a chance at the lightweight title. But I may have to. I





Arguello's title-winning effort against powerpunching Mexican featherweight Ruben Olivares was a classic infighting struggle, with the Nicaraguan rallying to score a brutal 13th-round kayo. At the time of the stoppage, Arguello trailed on two of the official scorecards. "Olivares," he later said, "was the best fighter I ever fought."

believe I could win a third championship."

Not many tourists visit Managua, Nicaragua. Everywhere exotic flowers and shrubs are in bloom, lush bougainvillea, jacaranda, tropical lilies, and banana trees. But the poverty in the capital city is one of the worst in all of Latin America. Most families are crammed into sod wall houses with dirt floors and tin roofs. There is disease, illiteracy, and crime. Many streets have open sewage running along the gutters. A few years ago there was a major earthquake. Hundreds of lives were lost, and thousands of citizens were seriously injured when the walls of their homes collapsed. Managua is a great place to leave.

Arguello is sitting in his posh hotel suite in Caesars Palace, Las Vegas. It is so unlike his home city that it may as well be in another solar system.

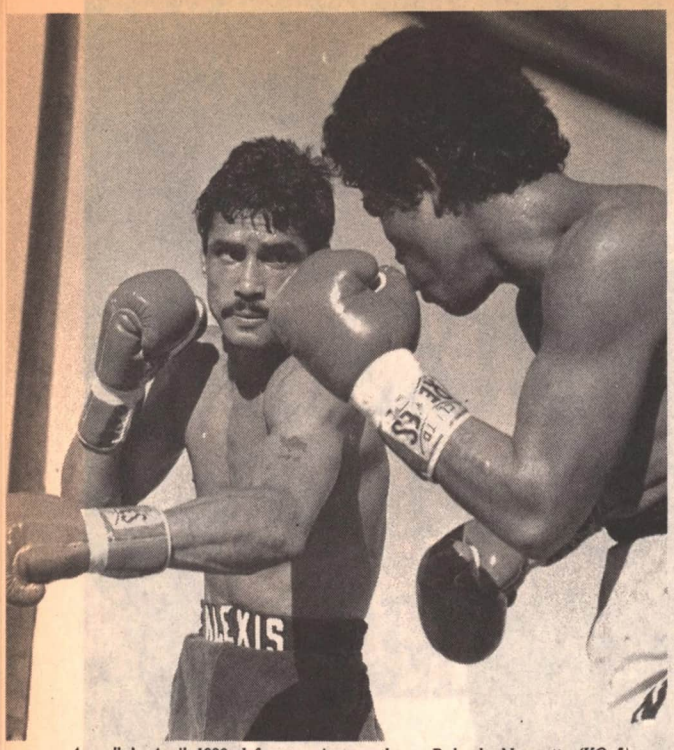
"My father was a shoemaker," he says in good, but slow, English. "We were very poor, like everyone else. I had six brothers, two sisters, and we lived in a very bad area. When I was 14 my father told me he could not put me through school. I knew he was an honest man and what he said was true. I had to go to work to help my family. My oldest sister married a fighter, Raton Mojica; he beat flyweight champion Chartchai Chionoi in a non-title fight. I used to get into street fights and I was good at it. Raton took me to the gym and got me interested in training. I wanted very much to improve myself. I wanted better things and I knew I would have to work very hard at fighting. I wanted to become champion. That was my ambition."

Now 27, Arguello has made 14 successful defenses of his two world titles. His record, 66-4 (54), was amassed with knockouts over the likes of Ruben Olivares, Bobby Chacon, Alfredo Escalera, Jose Legra, Art Hafey, Leonel Hernandez, Ruben Castillo, and other world-class fighters. The former resident of Managua began fighting at the age of 16, and within five years established himself as the most deadly puncher in all the lower weight divisions. In 1974, he dethroned the legendary Olivares for his first title with a spectacular come-from-behind knockout in the 13th round. Over the next two years he cleaned out the featherweight ranks (then a super-tough division), missing only Danny Lopez in a fight that should have happened, but never did. Lopez' management knew their fighter's limitations. In 1976, Arguello abandoned the featherweight crown due to weight problems. In January 1978, he stopped Escalera for the WBC super featherweight title. Since then he has made eight defenses.

So thorough has been his devastation of the division's ranks that today there are few fighters left in the junior lightweight division for Arguello to deal with. An ideal opponent would be Sammy Serrano, the WBA champion from Puerto Rico, in order to unify the division. But that fight will never come off. Serrano would be wiser to seek root canal without novocaine than to confront Arguello. Frankie Baltazar of Los Angeles has been offered as an opponent, but Baltazar's manager, Jackie McCoy, flatly turned down the fight. Then there are Greg Coverson of Ohio and Roberto Elizondo of Texas. But neither is ready to confront Arguello now.

After winning his first title, Arguello returned home a national hero, the first Nicaraguan ever to win a world boxing championship. Recognized everywhere, he was secure in the knowledge that he would enjoy the title for several years to come.

However, it was at that point that history played a



Arguello's April 1980 defense against southpaw Rolando Navarette (KO 5) was typical of his reign; his power and textbook technique overwhelmed the challenger.

cruel trick on the conquering hero. For it was the end of a 20-year revolution, Sandinistas vs. Somozas. And clashes between the rebels and the military had spread throughout the country, involving everyone in their undertow. Arguello was no different, even carrying the Sandinista flag on national television after his victory over Rafael "Bazooka" Limon.

But when the Sandinista rebels finally overthrew the dictatorship and set up their own in the form of a Marxist regime, they repaid Arguello for his efforts: appropriating $300,000 worth of his holdings, including the home where his mother and sister lived, and two automobiles.

Arguello, who fled after the arrival of the new government, migrated with his third wife to Coral Gables, Florida, where, unlike most hapless expatriates, he bought a small house and applied for U.S. citizenship.

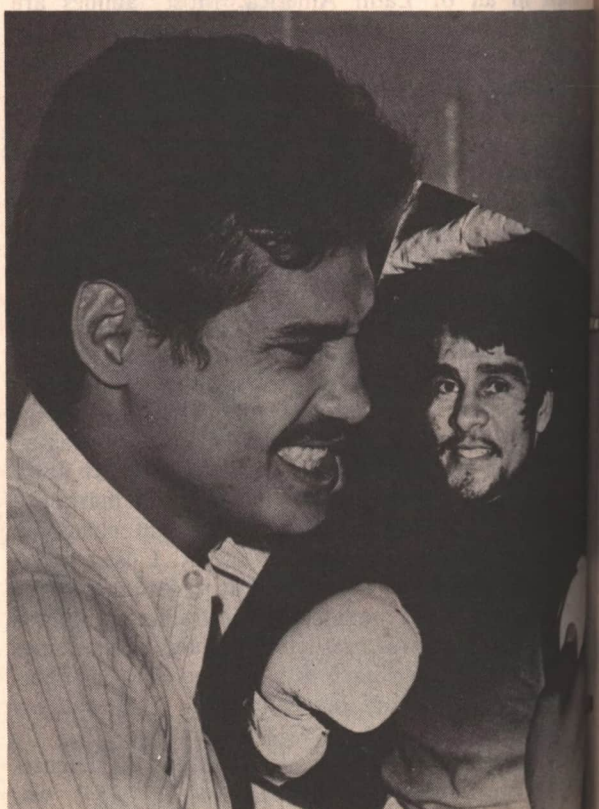
"My opinion is that I don't like the communist people," he says with some reluctance. "I am a Catholic. I believe in democracy. I still love my country, but I will not go back. At first I supported the Sandinistas. But nobody knew for sure what they would do. After the revolution they wanted to take away my house. I owned it, had paid all the taxes. Then they did away with pro boxing and all professional sports. That is the communist way. I am very happy in America. Here I can work and make sure my son gets a good education and that my family lives well."

There are many tall, skinny fellows around, but few become fighters. Arguello is 5'10", and his arms and legs are pencil-thin and like hard pipes connected with free-swinging sockets. He does not have a stout neck to absorb stiff punches. His midsection appears vulnerable. Elongated and flat with ribs sticking out on both sides, it looks like his body was modeled after Olive Oyl. But only one fighter, Jose Torres, has managed to put him down, and not for the count. Arguello has been taller than every title challenger he has met, and has withstood attacks against both his body and face. His style appears mechanical, almost unimaginative at times. Nothing he does in the ring is surprising. His jab is deceptively quick, and his right hand is like that of a good dart player. He seems to walk toward opponents on his heels, taking measured steps. He fights with a composed, unruffled manner, almost to the point of arrogance. His knockout win over Chacon was accomplished with less emotion than a man scratching his ear. And outside the ring he has the same demeanor: no scowl, no crazed look in his eyes, no angry bragging.

He has dominated two divisions, and wants to move up again, going for a third title. But he will have to reckon with a revived lightweight division. Since Roberto Duran's departure, a new crop of fighters has emerged. Young and hungry, a few of them are going to pose serious problems for Arguello, no matter how extensive his talents may be. Hilmer Kenty, the WBA champion, Aaron Pryor, and Vilomar Fernandez, who holds a 10-round decision over Arguello, appear to be the best in the field now. Also, unbeaten Coverson and Elizondo may move up into the 135-pound division. None of these fighters will take kindly to Arguello's move.

"I am not afraid of any fighter," Arguello says, flatly. "I have much confidence in myself and have never avoided any challenger. When you become champion you learn how good you are. I do not doubt myself."

When he is home, Arguello and his wife, Loretta, who accompanies him to every fight, spend their weekends going dancing, but they don't stay out very late. Not surprisingly, Arguello partakes of neither



A showdown between Arguello and Roberto Duran would thrill fight fans. But as Arguello prepares to jump to lightweight, Duran has moved to welter.

tobacco nor liquor. Almost every household activity is done against the backdrop of music blaring from a stereo. Considered by many as one of the four great fighters today—along with Duran, Sugar Ray Leonard, and Wilfredo Gomez—Arguello rates himself rather modestly.

"I think history shows that the fighters of the past were better," he says. "I am a very good champion. But in the past there were fighters like Joe Louis, Ray Robinson, and Willie Pep. There were many more fighters then. Also, Benny Leonard and Henry Armstrong and many others. There are good champions today, but in the past I think they were better.

"I have made many friends in boxing," Alexis says, with pride. "I like Sugar Ray Leonard as a friend, and Tommy Hearns. A few years ago in Las Vegas, I saw Duran when he was there to fight. I wanted to go up to him and say hello." Arguello shakes his head, still in wonderment over the confrontation. "I walked over, and when he saw me, he starts screaming, 'I'LL KILL YOU! I'LL KILL YOU, YOU. DON'T COME NEAR ME!' "

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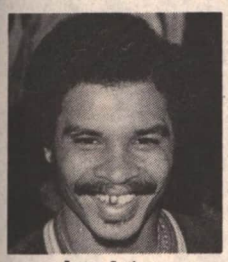

Jorge Lujan

HEAVYWEIGHTS

World Champ: **Larry Holmes****, Easton, PA

1. **Mike Weaver***, Los Angeles, CA
2. **John Tate**, Knoxville, TN
3. **Gerrie Coetzee**, South Africa
4. **Gerry Cooney**, Huntington, NY
5. **Michael Dokes**, Akron, OH
6. **Leon Spinks**, St. Louis, MO
7. **Bernardo Mercado**, Colombia
8. **Ossie Ocasio**, Puerto Rico
9. **Leroy Jones**, Denver, CO
10. **Scott LeDoux**, Minneapolis, MN

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

World Champ: **Matthew Saad Muhammad****, Philadelphia, PA

1. **Eddie Mustafa Muhammad***, Brooklyn, NY
2. **Jerry Martin**, Philadelphia, PA
3. **James Scott**, Rahway, NJ
4. **Marvin Johnson**, Indianapolis, IN
5. **Michael Spinks**, St. Louis, MO
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8. **Victor Galindez**, Argentina
9. **Alvaro (Yaqui) Lopez**, Stockton, CA
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World Champ: **Alan Minter**, England

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5. **Ronnie Harris**, Akron, OH
6. **Marcos Geraldo**, Mexico
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WELTERWEIGHTS

World Champ: **Sugar Ray Leonard****, Palmer Park, MD

1. **Jose (Pipino) Cuevas***, Mexico
2. **Roberto Duran**, Panama
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8. **Teo Ozuna**, Dominican Republic
9. **Domingo Ayala**, Puerto Rico
10. **Willie Rodriguez**, Allentown, PA

LIGHTWEIGHTS

World Champ: **Title Vacant**

1. **Hilmer Kenty***, Detroit, MI
2. **Jim Watt****, Scotland
3. **Howard Davis**, Glen Cove, NY
4. **Aaron Pryor**, Cincinnati, OH
5. **Ernesto Espana**, Venezuela
6. **Vilomar Fernandez**, Dominican Republic
7. **Claude Noel**, Trinidad
8. **Johnny Lira**, Chicago, IL
9. **Edwin Viruet**, Puerto Rico
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JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS

World Champ: **Samuel Serrano***, Puerto Rico

1. **Alexis Arguello****, Nicaragua
2. **Bobby Chacon**, Los Angeles, CA
3. **Frankie Baltazar**, Los Angeles, CA
4. **Rafael (Bazooka) Limon**, Mexico
5. **Roberto Elizondo**, Corpus Christi, TX
6. **Victor Echegaray**, Argentina
7. **Idelfonso Bethelmy**, Venezuela
8. **Oscar Arnal**, Venezuela
9. **Greg Coverson**, Columbus, OH
10. **Rodolfo Sanchez**, Spain

FEATHERWEIGHTS

World Champ: **Salvador Sanchez****, Mexico

1. **Danny Lopez**, Alhambra, CA
2. **Eusebio Pedroza***, Panama
3. **Ruben Castillo**, Bakersfield, CA
4. **Mike Ayala**, San Antonio, TX
5. **Rocky Lockridge**, Newark, NJ
6. **Juan Malvarez**, Argentina
7. **Roberto Castanon**, Spain
8. **Eddie Ndukwu**, Nigeria
9. **Juan LaPorte**, New York, NY
10. **Pat Ford**, Guyana

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS

World Champ: **Wilfredo Gomez****, Puerto Rico

1. **Leo Randolph***, Tacoma, WA
2. **Ricardo Cardona**, Colombia
3. **Leo Cruz**, Dominican Republic
4. **Sergio Palma**, Argentina
5. **Nicky Perez**, Tucson, AZ
6. **Juan (Kid) Meza**, Los Angeles, CA
7. **Soon Hyun Chung**, Korea
8. **Jose Caba**, Dominican Republic
9. **Jose Cervantes**, Colombia
10. **Derrik Holmes**, New Carrollton, MD

BANTAMWEIGHTS

World Champ: **Jorge Lujan***, Panama

1. **Lupe Pintor****, Mexico
2. **Albert Davila**, Los Angeles, CA
3. **Jeff Chandler**, Philadelphia, PA
4. **Roberto Rubaldino**, Mexico
5. **Carlos Zarate**, Mexico
6. **Julian Solis**, Puerto Rico
7. **Oscar Muniz**, Los Angeles, CA
8. **Albert Sandoval**, Los Angeles, CA
9. **Johnny Owen**, Wales
10. **Rafael Orono**, Venezuela

FLYWEIGHTS

World Champ: **Shoji Oguma****, Japan

1. **Yoko Gushiken**, Japan
2. **Tae Shik Kim***, Korea
3. **Guty Espadas**, Mexico
4. **Chan Hee Park**, Korea
5. **Betulio Gonzalez**, Venezuela
6. **Luis Ibarra**, Panama
7. **Hilario Zapata**, Panama
8. **Charlie Magri**, England
9. **Joey Olivo**, Los Angeles, CA
10. **Martin Vargas**, Chile

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He chuckles, then adds, "It was my dream to fight with Duran. I had planned for it for a long time. That would be some fight."

The Ring Record Book shows that Arguello was stopped by one Jorge Reyes in 1971, and that three years later he lost a decision to WBA featherweight champion Ernesto Marcel. Arguello eagerly talks about those fights.

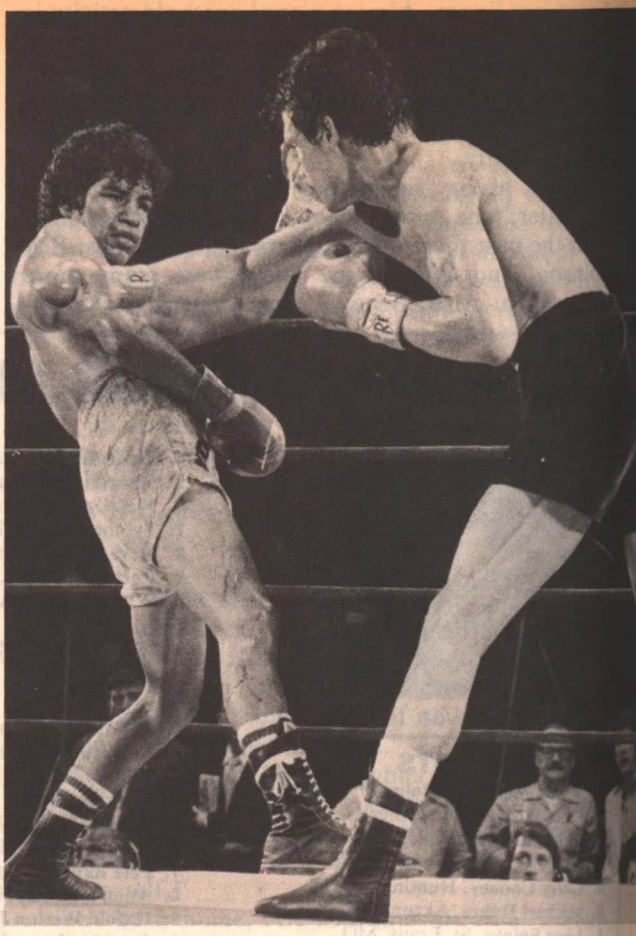
"When I fought Reyes I broke my left hand in the second round," he said. "I could not use it at all, and the doctor stopped the fight in the eighth. I wanted to fight him again, but he went back to Mexico, and a little while later quit fighting. With Marcel, I thought I could beat him. I said so at the time. I was only 21, and I still had things to learn. Marcel was a very good champion, and I worked even harder after that fight."

Marcel retired after his win, and nine months later Arguello was again fighting for the title.

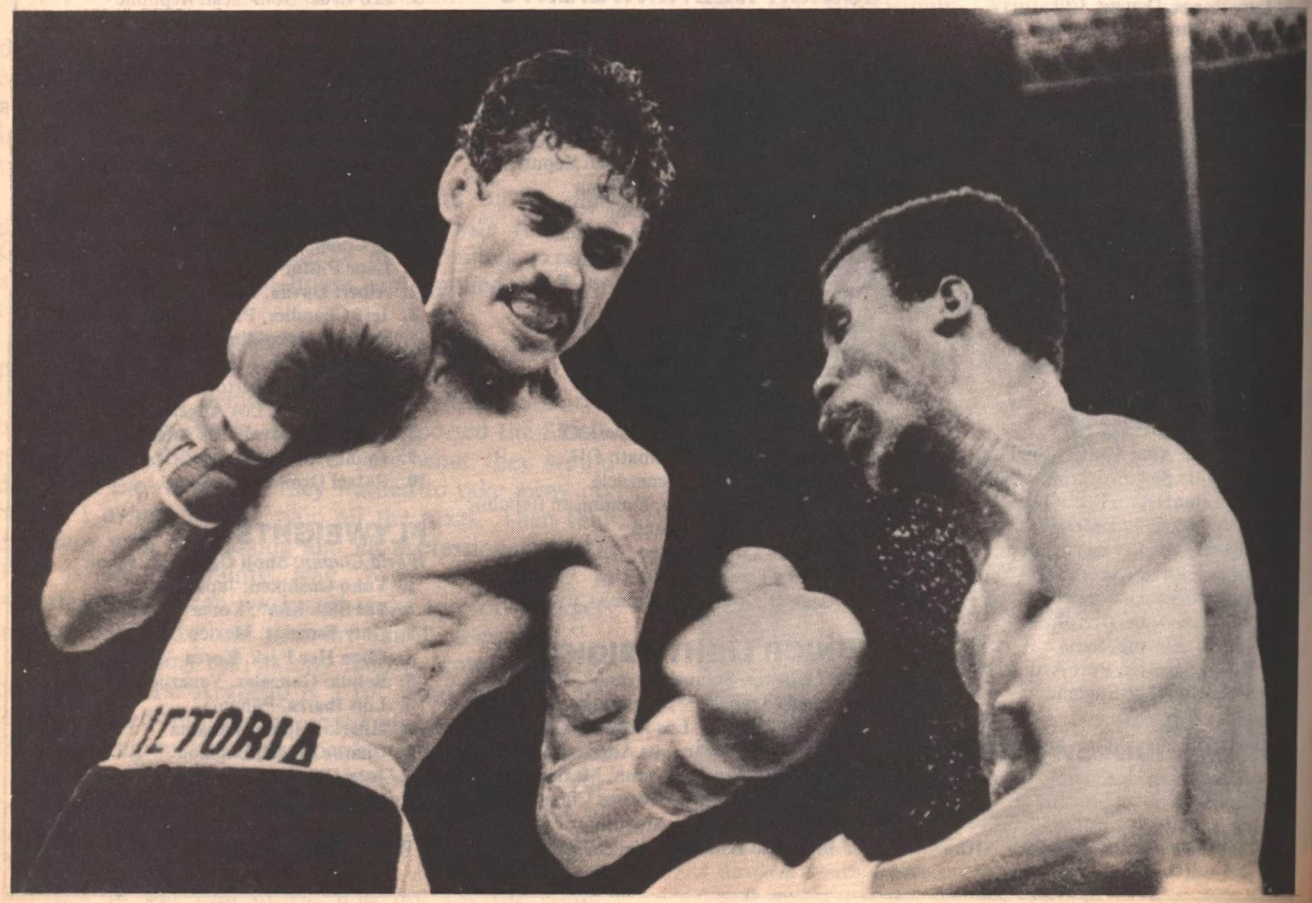
His best wins? "Olivares was the best fighter I ever fought," he said. "He was a complete fighter, very smart. He was my hero, and I felt very sad when I beat him. I am also proud of my wins over Escalera because he fought me very hard. I did very well the second time I beat him. My win over [Art] Hafey was important. He hit me harder than anyone, and I stopped him in five rounds."

His most disappointing fight? "It was very hard for me against Fernandez. He just ran all the time, and I missed many punches. It was difficult to fight him. I did not think he would run so much."

Two years ago, Arguello met a fighter named Diego Alcala in defense of the super featherweight title. Alcala appeared a bit tense but well-conditioned. The



Arguello's stoppage of Bazooka Limon (above) was among the bloodiest fights of 1979. The Nicaraguan took the title with a kayo of Alfredo Escalera (below).



TV announcer was aided by the well-known referee Arthur Mercante, who was supposed to supply what the media calls "color." It was his job to be insightful and explain some of the intricacies of the sport. In the opening frame, both fighters circled around each other, as if neither was sure which profile to present to the cameras. Each poked out a jab now and then. Mercante intoned into his microphone, "They're just feeling each other out . . . "

Always quick to smile, Arguello celebrates with promoter Don King after registering another victory. The two-division champion has lost only once since 1974.

Barely were the words out of his mouth when Arguello landed a long overhand right to Alcala's jaw. A followup left sent the challenger dazed against the ropes. Within a matter of seconds, Alcala was crumbled on the canvas. He looked like a bag of bones that had been thrown down the stairs. If there was a count, it was just done out of formality. And if Mercante ever provided color commentary again, it has escaped this writer's notice.

Alexis Arguello is not ready to live on fine memories of past wins. His maturing body has forced him to seek what only three other men in the history of the sport have attained. His move up to the lightweight ranks comes at a time when there is interest and excitement abounding in boxing, particularly in the lower weight classes. Now only a promoter, aided by a TV network, must come up with a title fight against Kenty or WBC champion Jim Watt.

Arguello must feel some relief now that he has decided to seek a third title. For two years he has been torn between the two divisions. For two years he has had to struggle to keep his weight down. Now he is somewhere in the middle of things. And in the middle of establishing himself a special place in the history of the sport. ■

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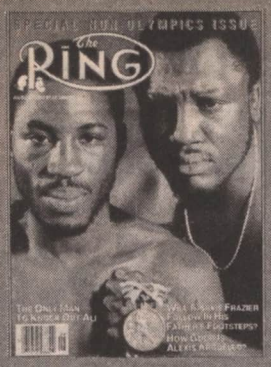
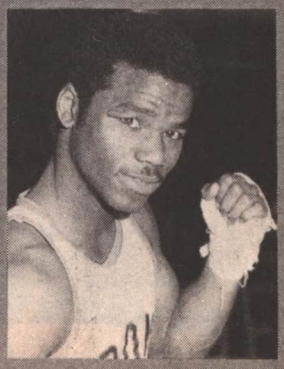
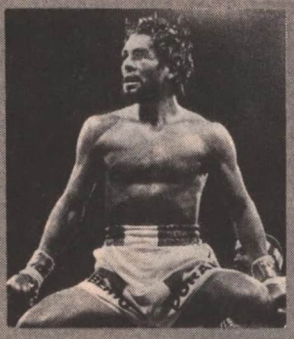


The Cover: Photographer Russell Schwartz dramatically captures the father-son duo of Marvis and Joe Frazier. The headline asks, "Will Marvis Frazier Follow In His Father's Footsteps?" Ironically, in what is titled *The Ring's* "Special Non-Olympics Issue," the photo features Smokin' Joe holding his 1964 Olympics gold medal.

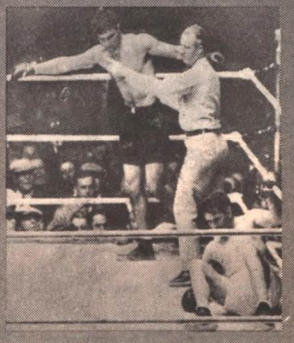
Olympic Boycott: Amateur boxing expert Bob Taylor examines President Carter's decision to boycott the 1980 Olympic Games in Moscow. According to Taylor, the U.S. boxing team had the potential to match the performance of the 1976 team in Montreal. Pictured: Amateur standout Jackie Beard.

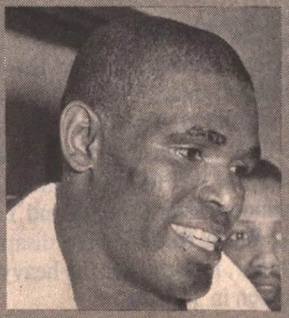




Duran-Leonard I: Editor and Publisher Bert Sugar reports from ringside on the WBC welterweight title fight between Roberto Duran and Sugar Ray Leonard. "The Brawl In Montreal" is a savage slugfest, with Duran winning by unanimous 15-round decision.

The Long Count: Paul Gallico reminisces about the unforgettable long count in the heavyweight title fight rematch between champion Gene Tunney and Jack Dempsey. Included is a special photo: promoter Tex Rickard, manager Billy Gibson, and Tunney, who is holding a check for $1-million.

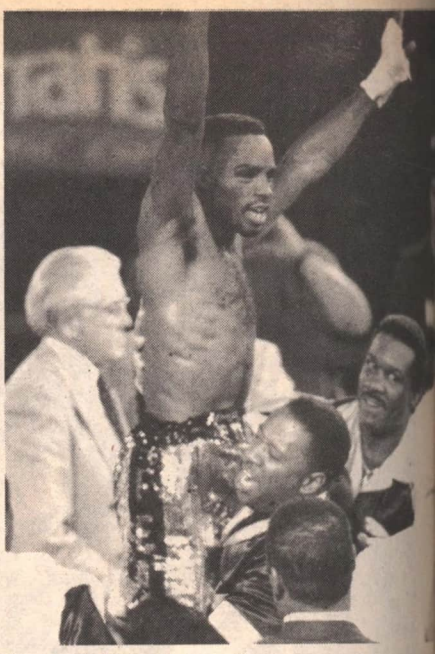




Fighter Of The Month: The selection is light heavyweight contender Jerry "The Bull" Martin, who traveled to New Jersey's Rahway State Prison and upset the streaking James Scott on points. The runner-up was flyweight Shoji Oguma, who won the WBC crown by stopping Chan Hee Park.

Looking Ahead

By Steve Farhood



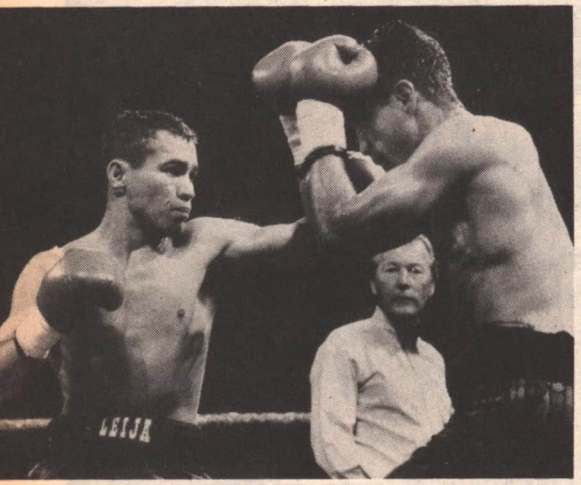
Fearless Freddie wants 'em all

FREDDIE'S HIT LIST

Fearless as ever, IBF lightweight champion Freddie Pendleton called us the other day to report that his first defense will come against Jorge Paez in July.

"He's a taco," Pendleton said of Paez. "I'll get him out of the way, then knock out that dishrag, Rafael Ruelas. He doesn't want to fight me. They offered me $40,000 for a fight. Imagine, only *$40,000* to defend the title! Then it'll be the tamale of the century, Oscar De La Hoya. I'll fry 'em all. You'll be writing about me a lot."

At least he didn't call collect.



Leija punches past Espinoza

CAN JESSE JAMES STEAL ONE?

In March, featherweight contender Jesse James Leija advanced to 26-0-1 (12) with a unanimous decision victory over Louie Espinoza. His manager, Lester Bedford, is certain that Leija is ready for a world title shot. But are the 126-pound champions ready for him? Bedford told *The Ring* that IBF champion Tom Johnson turned down a $200,000 purse to defend against the Texan. (Bob Goodman, vice president of boxing for Madison Square Garden, which promotes Johnson, denied that such an offer had been made.) WBC champion Paul Hodkinson is committed to mandatory defenses against Goyo Vargas and Kevin Kelley. As for a date with WBA champion Yung Kyun Park, says Bedford, "I wouldn't even know who to contact."

In April, Don King presented Bedford and Leija's promoter, Main Events, with a tempting alternative: a try at WBC super featherweight champion Azumah Nelson for a huge payday of $250,000. (King hopes to place September's Pernell Whitaker-Julio Cesar Chavez superfight at the Alamo Dome in Leija's hometown of San Antonio.)

As we went to press, Bedford hadn't made up his mind. Our guess: If Whitaker-Chavez lands in San Antonio, Leija will take the gamble.

LISTEN UP

Expect newly crowned IBF light heavyweight champion **Henry Maske** to make his first defense against Detroit's **Anthony Hembrick** . . . **Oscar De La Hoya's** ninth fight will come against **Carl Griffith** on the July 17 undercard of **Freddie Pendleton-Jorge Paez**. As we went to press, De La Hoya's seventh and eighth opponents were scheduled to be **Frankie Avelar** (May 8) and **Troy Dorsey** (June 7) . . . It only seems that **Razor Ruddock** has disappeared. **Delroy Ruddock**, the Razor's brother, reports that the heavyweight's return to the ring will probably happen in June. ■

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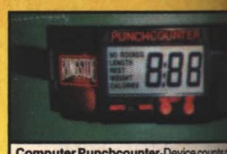

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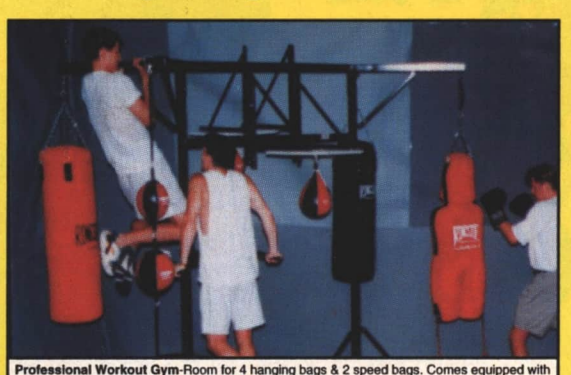

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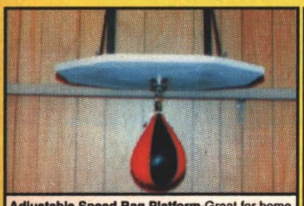

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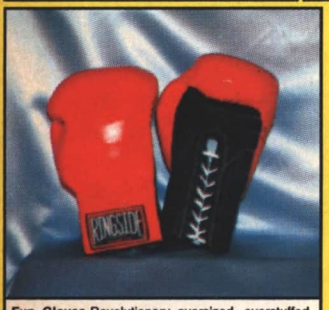

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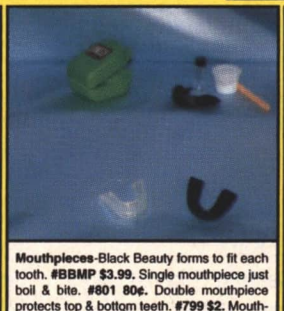

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